

## Policy Checklist for Bloodborne Exposure Control

Policy: The \_\_\_(Facility Name)\_\_\_ is committed to providing a safe and healthful workplace for our entire staff. In pursuit of this endeavor, the following exposure control plan (ECP) is provided to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens (BBP).

- Written Exposure Control Plan will be maintained by \_\_\_\_\_ and will include:
  - Needlestick Prevention Committee (or designated responsibility for needlestick prevention and control of occupational exposures within the infection control or occupational health committees)
  - Determination of employee exposure (see separate job listing)
  - Hepatitis B vaccination: evidence of immunization in occupational health department records
  - Implementation of various methods of exposure control including:
    - Universal (or standard) precautions
      - Handwashing
      - Covering cuts and abrasions
    - Elimination of unnecessary injection
    - Elimination of sharps from IV piggybacks
    - Engineering and work practice controls:
      - sharps containers (safety boxes) at site of injections
      - policy for emptying and replacement of sharps containers
      - safe needle devices:
        - Injection devices
        - IV insertion devices
        - Phlebotomy devices
        - Sutures
        - Lancets
      - no recapping of needles (if recapping only 1 handed scoop method)

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE)**

- Gloves available whenever risk of exposure to blood (nonlatex gloves for allergic workers)
- Masks
- Face shield
- Gowns
  
- TB respirators

### Housekeeping

- Post-exposure evaluation, counseling, and follow-up including prophylaxis if needed within 2 hours of exposure
- Communication of hazards to employees and training
- Recordkeeping: log book and use of data for prevention
- Procedure for evaluating the circumstances surrounding an exposure incident to analyze for preventive measures
  
- Compensation mechanism for work-related injury and illness