

## David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

### Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Protocol for Medical Students at DGSOM and UCLA-affiliated sites

1. Medical students (including visiting students) are covered for emergency and follow-up care after body-fluid exposures that occur in the course of classroom, clinical, or research duties
2. When an exposure (e.g. needle-stick injury) occurs, students are to alert their supervisor and ask that source patient testing be initiated, if feasible. For exposures that occur at UCLA (including UCLA/Santa Monica), the order requisition and instructions for source testing can be found on the [Mednet Forms Portal](#) (Form #10935, Occupational Exposure- Source Patient Requisition)
3. Following an exposure, the student should contact the SAO emergency line at 310-825-6281 to speak with a Dean for Student Affairs.

#### 4. Immediate Care

##### Students rotating at UCLA:

- a. The student should go immediately to UCLA Occupational Health Facility (OHF) during operating hours (Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, excluding holidays). OHF is located in room 67-120 CHS. No appointment is necessary.
- b. If the incident occurs after hours, the student should proceed to the nearest Emergency Department (RRMC or SMUCLA).

##### Students rotating at a remote site:

- a. If the site has an occupational health office that is open, the student should be evaluated there. Otherwise, the student should go to the nearest Emergency Department.
- b. The student should obtain results of their baseline lab testing, and if possible, source patient testing (if performed), so that this information is available for follow up at UCLA OHF.

#### 5. Medication Prescriptions

- a. If HIV postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) is prescribed at any location other than OHF, a starter prescription should be written to cover medications in sufficient quantity until follow up at UCLA OHF can occur.
- b. Prescriptions written at UCLA OHF must be filled at UCLA's outpatient pharmacy, or at a pharmacy that is able to dispense medications covered

under UCLA's workers' compensation program. Prescriptions filled under regular health insurance cannot be reimbursed.

## 6. Follow-up Care

- a. All follow-up care must occur at UCLA OHF, regardless of location of the incident or the results of the initial evaluation.
- b. Students initially evaluated elsewhere should call UCLA OHF at 310-825-6771 for an appointment to be seen there on the following business day between 7 AM and 4 PM.
- c. Students should notify their Student Affairs dean to be excused from clinical duties, if necessary.

## 7. Billing Issues

In the event that a student receives a bill for the initial consultation, the student should send bills to UCLA Insurance and Risk Management at [wcreports@IRM.ucla.edu](mailto:wcreports@IRM.ucla.edu).

- a. A claim will be filed with Segdwick Claims Management Services, and they will be asking for your personal information to process the claim (including the student's social security number)
- b. Questions and concerns should be directed to Dianna Cumpian, Workers' Compensation Program Manager at [wcreports@irm.ucla.edu](mailto:wcreports@irm.ucla.edu) or 310-794-6954

## **Protocol for Medical Students at DGSOM and UCLA-Affiliated Sites for Care After Exposure to a Patient with Confirmed Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis**

1. This policy applies to students who are notified that they have come in contact with a patient with active pulmonary tuberculosis and who meet the definition of exposure (e.g. >30 minutes of close contact without a mask). It does not apply to "TB conversions" after routine annual screening.
2. Notification that you have been exposed typically comes from public health or infection control personnel. If you hear from someone else that you may have been exposed, ask your supervisor to check with infection control to confirm exposure.
3. If a true exposure is confirmed, call the UCLA Occupational Health Facility (OHF) at (310) 825-6771 to make an appointment for baseline and follow-up testing
4. Outside evaluations are not reimburseable