

BODY SUBSTANCE EXPOSURES**OPS.502**

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POLICY:

It is the policy of ODCHCs that any employee who sustains a "Body Substance Exposure" is required to be seen immediately by an ODCHC licensed medical practitioner. Licensed medical practitioners shall provide treatment for body substance exposure in accordance with the following procedure.

Definition: "Body Substance Exposure" is defined as:

- Skin puncture with a contaminated needle, scalpel, burr or other sharp implement
- Body substance splash to the eye, mucus membrane or non-intact skin

PROCEDURE:

1. The employee who sustains a body substance exposure contacts the triage nurse or the reception desk to arrange to be seen by an ODCHC physician. The employee should be fit in to a physician schedule immediately.
2. Whenever possible, the source patient is asked to remain available in the clinic while the employee is seen by a physician.
3. The physician completes the Post Exposure Protocol Packet. The person exposed and the source patient/source of exposure are evaluated. The physician explains the exposure protocol and obtains informed consent for HIV testing if appropriate. Lab work to be drawn on the exposed person and the source patient is ordered according to the Protocol guidelines.
4. Exposed person completes Sharps Injury and Body Substance Exposure Report page of Post Exposure Packet and Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC1) form.
5. A treatment plan is developed with the ODCHC provider to determine the need for treatment, prophylactic medications, other medications and follow-up testing.
6. Standard paperwork for reporting a Workplace Injury is completed according to the workplace injuries protocol (see OPS.501 Workplace Injuries).

Attachments:

Post Exposure Protocol (ODCHC Form #302.2)

Additional References:

OPS.501 – Workplace Injuries

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