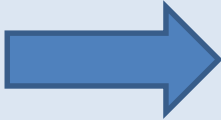


Action to a needle stick injury/body fluids splash
(Appendix: Infection Control Policy)

Action to be taken following a needle stick /sharps injury or splash of body fluids to the eyes or mouth

Step 1.



First aid

Encourage wound to bleed. **Do not** suck.
Wash wound well with soap under running water
Apply waterproof dressing.

If body fluids splashes into mouth **do not** swallow,
rinse out mouth several times with cold water.
If into eyes, irrigate well with running water

Step 2.



Assess infection risk

- a. Unused/clean sharp = **No** risk of infection.
Report as per step 3 then no further action needed
- b. Used sharp or body fluids splash =
Contact Associate Medical Director (AMD)
for advice regarding risk, especially for
relative indications for HIV PEP and Hep B
prophylaxis.
If AMD unavailable then seek advice from
local Emergency Department (UCH).

Step 3.



Report incident

Clinics Manager or Associate Medical Director
should be informed

Details of incident should be recorded in the
Accidents log by Clinics Manager, Incident
register by Director and in patient's notes