

Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

Procedures Following Occupational Exposure

Emergency services are available 24 hours a day in Hillcrest and La Jolla.

Hillcrest Emergency

UC San Diego Medical Center
200 W. Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103
619-543-6222

La Jolla Emergency

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla CA, 92037
858-657-7600

Exposure to Blood/Body Fluids

If you come in contact with another person's blood or body fluid (e.g., through a needle stick injury or mucous membrane splash) you must complete the following three steps:

1. Wash/flush area and contact supervisor
2. Depending on your location proceed with the following

UC San Diego Health System

Monday – Friday 8 AM to 4 PM go to

Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM)

330 Lewis Street, Suite 100
San Diego, CA
619-471-9210

After 4 PM go to the Emergency Department

Call 619-290-1447 or UC San Diego Pager 619-543-6737 #1447

VA San Diego Health System

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3 PM go to VA Occupational Health. After 3 PM, weekends and holidays go to VA Emergency area immediately.

Rady Children's Hospital

Contact the Rady Children's Hospital Infection Control Director at pager 858-493-0390. If the Director is not available call the Division of Infectious Diseases at 858-495-7785.

Navy Hospital Balboa

Notify Navy Hospital Charge Nurse and Attending. Report to Navy Hospital Emergency Room immediately.

Other Sites

Contact your faculty supervisor and the Office of Experiential Education as soon as possible. In each location, the injury will be documented and hospital personnel will ask the patient for consent for HIV and hepatitis B & C testing if the patient's status is not known. The student will also be asked for serum for testing. The student should make a decision about whether to take antiretroviral medication until the patient's HIV status is known.

3. All follow-up is done at UC San Diego Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM) regardless of where the injury happened.