

UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Procedures Following Experiential Education Exposures, Injury, and Emergency

Procedures Following Exposure to Blood/Body Fluids

If you are in contact with another person's blood or body fluid (e.g., **through a needlestick injury** or mucous membrane splash):

- Follow the [CDC Emergency Sharps Information](#) steps
 - Wash needlestick(s) and cut(s) with soap and water.
 - Flush splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin with water.
 - Irrigate affected eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants.
- Immediately contact preceptor/site coordinator to report the incident.
- Immediately seek medical treatment:
 - Students with **non-UC SHIP health insurance** may:
 - Contact Primary Care Provider (PCP)/Physician Group, **or**
 - Proceed to your insurance designated Urgent Care/Emergency Care facility (Notify PCP of situation), **or**
 - Students (**regardless of insurance**) may contact UC San Diego Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM), regardless of where the injury happened (Hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm, except holidays).
 - Call COEM: 619-471-9210. An appointment will be made for the injured student at the most convenient site (Bring a picture ID and student ID).
 - COEM 330 Lewis St., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92103 (Hillcrest), **or**
 - COEM 8899 University Center Lane, Unit 160, San Diego, CA (UTC area), **or**
 - COEM 16950 Via Tazon, San Diego, CA 92127 (Rancho Bernardo), **or**
 - If COEM is not available:
 - **Preferred:** Contact [UC San Diego Health Urgent Care](#) in advance to verify needlestick injury/exposure care services are available, then proceed if advised. If not advised, proceed to [UC San Diego Health \(Hillcrest or La Jolla\) Emergency Room](#).
 - Students outside of the San Diego area:
 - Contact local Urgent Care in advance to verify needlestick injury/exposure care services are available, then proceed if advised.
 - If services are not available, proceed to local Emergency Room.
- If prescriptions are needed:
 - Students with UCSHIP should fill prescriptions at Student Health Services or network pharmacy.
 - Students with other insurance fill prescriptions at authorized pharmacy.
- Contact OEE to report the situation.
- If subsequent care is needed, follow-up with usual PCP/Physician Group.

Procedures Following Experiential Related Injury or Emergency

- Emergency:
 - Call 911 or go to the nearest hospital or emergency care facility.
 - Contact your PCP as soon as possible to inform them about your condition.
- Urgent Medical Situation:
 - If student is injured but unsure of the seriousness of your condition, call PCP/Physician Group for guidance.
 - If student is unable to reach their PCP, proceed to urgent care facility/hospital as needed.
 - Contact your PCP as soon as possible to inform them about your condition

Next steps:

- Contact OEE to report situation.
- If subsequent care is needed, follow-up with usual PCP/Physician Group.
If student receives a bill from Urgent Care/Emergency Room visit, contact OEE for guidance
- Students outside of the SD County region: Call your healthcare provider. Stay at home until you have received guidance, which may include testing for COVID-19.

Summary of Process at Experiential Partner Sites: Seeking Care and Incident Reporting

- Students can seek emergency department care in the facility they are rotating if warranted.
 - Student or appropriate individual at experiential site will determine if situation is

1) Emergency, or 2) Urgent Medical Situation.
- Students will follow above listed procedures following experiential related injury or exposure.
- Students or OEE will immediately notify preceptor or site coordinator as soon as possible following any incident.
- SSPPS, Pharmacy department or preceptor submits incident report to appropriate internal department, depending on where incident occurred.
- Student receives follow up care with their insured health care provider (i.e. UC Student Health Services or PCP)