



INFECTION CONTROL

Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure

If exposed to patient blood or body fluids you are encouraged to report to the Center for Occupational Health for immediate confidential evaluation, treatment and follow-up of the incident. When the Center for Occupational Health is closed, anyone experiencing an exposure should report to the Emergency Department for immediate evaluation and treatment. When reporting to either Occupational Health or the Emergency Department for exposure evaluation, it is important to bring a completed Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogen form. These forms are available on patient care units, in departments which provide patient care or process laboratory specimens, and in Security.

For any other injury, the involved party is required to complete an Occurrence Report, which is to be forwarded to Risk Management.

Tuberculosis Exposure Control

Annual Mantoux skin testing is required of all person working in any capacity within the medical center, its outlying clinics and offices. Testing is available at the Center for Occupational Health at no charge.

Anyone who has not been fit-tested for a respirator mask should not enter the rooms of patients who have active or suspected TB disease. Fit-testing can be scheduled through the Center for Occupational Health. Respirator masks are available on each patient care unit and may be used, as needed. Anyone entering the room of a patient in TB isolation is required to wear a respiratory mask.

Handwashing

Handwashing is the most important means of preventing transmission of infections. Hands must be washed after removal of gloves and prior to contact with each patient.

Signature

Date