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BLOOD AND BODY FLUID EXPOSURE

POLICY STATEMENT

Occupational exposures to blood and body fluids in healthcare settings have the potential to transmit Hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and/or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Occupational exposure is defined as an incident that occurs during the course of a person's employment and involves direct contact with blood or other body substances. Such exposures may put the person at risk of acquiring a blood borne virus infection.

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) aim that all instances of blood and body fluid exposure shall be managed appropriately to ensure the safety of employees, contractors, patients / clients and visitors.

PURPOSE

Provide a framework to appropriately assess and manage a healthcare worker following an occupational exposure to blood or body fluids in order to prevent disease transmission.

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

REFERENCES

- [Guideline for Management of occupational exposure to blood and body fluids 2017 Queensland Health](#)
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#) and [Regulations 2016](#)
- [Immunisation Handbook 2017 Ministry of Health \(Manatu Hauora\)](#)
- [Policy Directive HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C – Management of Health Care Workers Potentially Exposed New South Wales Health](#)
- [Post-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV: Australian National Guidelines](#)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.4 P0 protocol Blood & Body Fluid Exposure Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Incident Management Form
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.B1.1 Blood & Body Fluid - TOOLKIT
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Informed Consent form (7752)

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