



INFECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS POST- EXPOSURE POLICY

I. **Policy Statement**

At California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM), safety training for needle stick injury prevention, sharps handling, proper scrubbing, and research safety is mandatory prior to clinical clerkships and research assignments. Competency and compliance are reinforced at CNUCOM.

II. **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to implement plans for medical students, faculty, staff and volunteers after potential exposure to infectious and environmental hazards.

III. **Scope/Coverage**

This policy applies to all medical students, faculty, staff, and volunteers.

IV. **Policy Procedure**

a. **Immediate Treatment**

- i. For proper and immediate treatment while studying **away from CNUCOM**, follow the exposure plan of the host institution.
- ii. For proper and immediate treatment while studying **at CNUCOM**, follow this exposure plan of CNUCOM
- iii. Immediately Report the incident to the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and the Clerkship Office (if at CNUCOM), or to the relevant Preceptor/supervisor (if away from CNUCOM).
- iv. The individual should contact their health insurance provider for coverage and follow up treatment. Health insurance coverage and immunizations are mandatory for all medical students, faculty, staff, and volunteers.
- v. Any injury, post-exposure treatment, or treatment for a clinical condition that develops as a result of the exposure, should be covered by the student's health insurance policy.
- vi. If a student becomes disabled as the result of an occupational exposure or injury, CNUCOM Disability Policy provides coverage.

- vii.** Students will be allowed to continue their educational activities without disruption if recommended by the clinician who treats the student post-exposure. All follow-up recommendations regarding student educational activities will be nondiscriminatory.
- viii.** If the professional recommendation is to seek additional diagnoses and/or follow-up treatments, CNUCOM allows medical students an excused absence for these purposes.

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