



## **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. Procedure**

- A. For proper and immediate treatment while studying at CNUCOM, follow the exposure plan of CNUCOM. For proper and immediate treatment while studying away, follow the exposure plan of the host institution.
  - I. Contact health insurance plan for coverage and follow up treatment.
- B. Report to CNUCOM Student Affairs Office and Clerkship Office.

Immediately report exposure while at CNU or at the host institution.

If a medical student experiences a biological or chemical occupational exposure at CNUCOM or while studying away, the student must follow CNUCOM Infection and Environmental Hazards Exposure Control Policy to properly report and treat the exposure.
- C. Health insurance coverage and immunization are mandatory for all medical students, faculty, staff and volunteers.
- D. Any injury, treatment that is needed post-exposure, or treatment for a clinical condition that develops as a result of the exposure, should be covered by the individual's health insurance policy.
- E. If a student becomes disabled as the result of an occupational exposure or injury, CNUCOM Disability Policy provides coverage.
- F. All follow-up recommendations regarding medical student educational activities should be NONDISCRIMINATORY. Students should be allowed to continue their educational activities without disruption if recommended by the clinicians who treat the students post-exposure.



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- G. 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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