



## **CU Denver Needlestick & Body Fluid Exposure Process for Veteran's Administration**

A bloodborne pathogen exposure is one that might place you at risk for HBV, HCV, or HIV infection and is defined as a percutaneous injury (e.g., a needlestick or cut with a sharp object) or contact of mucous membrane or non-intact skin (e.g., exposed skin that is chapped, abraded, or afflicted with dermatitis) with blood, tissue, or other body fluids that are potentially infectious. Prompt treatment is essential because, in some cases, post exposure treatment may be recommended and it should be started as soon as possible.

### **On-line Resource Information:**

- CDC's Exposure to Blood, <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/>
- Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center's PEP Steps, <http://www.mpaetc.org>

**Workers' Compensation applies to CU Denver Employees:** CU Denver employees include CU faculty, staff, paid student workers, residents and fellows. Workers' Compensation may also apply to students in any of the following: internships, dental clinic, clinical rotations or practicums. Individuals exposed to bloodborne pathogens should seek immediate treatment.

**Emergency Medical Treatment:** Go to the nearest urgent care facility or medical emergency room. The closest facility is:

- **VA Medical Center:** 1055 Clermont St Denver, CO 80220 Occupational Health (303) 399-8020 ext. 2168 or ext. 2330 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday-Friday, or the Emergency Department after hours.

**Follow up Care:** Choose one of the CU Designated Medical Providers (Concentra, HealthOne, Arbor, WorkWell, and CCOM). Their location and contact information is on the [URM website](#) on the [workers' compensation](#) information page.

**Reporting:** Report the injury/illness immediately to your supervisor. Interns and off-campus employees should also report the injury/illness to their off-campus supervisor (hospital, clinical rotation or employer supervisor).

- You must file a workers' compensation Needlestick or Body Fluid Exposure Report form within 4 days of the injury/exposure. Report the incident on the [URM website](#). Use the CU network form if you are connected to the website through any of the CU networks. Use the Outside of CU network form if accessing the form from an outside network. This form must be printed and faxed to 303-860-5680 or scanned and emailed to [urm@cu.edu](mailto:urm@cu.edu).  
OR
- If you have completed a report at the hospital or clinic where the incident occurred, you can fax or email their incident report form directly to 303-860-5680 or [urm@cu.edu](mailto:urm@cu.edu) in lieu of completing the CU on-line form.

**Medical Bill Payment:** Request that all bills from medical providers be sent to URM. Forward all bills you receive to URM.

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