Immediate actions - Needlestick, sharp or splash incident

RECIPIENT IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Needlestick or sharp Injury - Wash area with soap and warm water immediately to encourage bleeding then cover with waterproof dressing.

OR

Splash - Exposed mucous membranes (i.e. Mouth/Nose) including conjunctivae (Eyes), should be irrigated copiously with water, before and after removing any contact lenses.

RECIPIENT NEXT STEP.

Inform senior clinician, supervisor or manager in charge of clinical area and access **NEEDLESTICK INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT FORM** – complete electronically or print complete DATIX **Email newcastle.ohs@nhs.net**

SENIOR CLINICIAN IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Completes **NEEDLESTICK INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT** – incident detail / source patient details form

Consents source patient for blood tests for HIV antibody, Hepatitis B surface antigen, and Hepatitis C antibody Record consent in the patients notes

Take blood from source in a GOLD topped tube, send to Freeman Hospital Serology urgently, marked needlestick injury source and indicate on form that consent was obtained.

Phone Freeman Hospital Serology Department to advise of lab request TEL 0191 21 38196 or on-call BMS via switchboard out of hours.

If injury is sustained where patient details are unknown e.g. injury sustained by stabbing finger from a sharp in a sharps bin, OH will treat the injury as an unknown source and follow-up appointments will be arranged.

Ensure DATIX completed and contact **newcastle.ohs@nhs.net**

IN HOURS
Monday to Friday
08:00 – 17:00

Notify **OH immediately** with details of incident, patient details (if known) and DATIX number.
Tel: 0191 2821188
newcastle.ohs@nhs.net

OUT OF HOURS
Monday to Friday
17:00 – 08:00

Friday 17:00 – Monday 08:00

Attend **Emergency Department RVI** or **Emergency Admission Unit FH** with details of incident and patient details (if known).
Notify OH next working day
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