



I. 8.1.6 Education of Students, Faculty, Staff and Employees About Bloodborne Pathogens

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II. Purpose

The Purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in complying with statutes concerning bloodborne pathogens including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C virus (HCV).

III. Scope

This Policy is applicable to students, faculty, and employees of the Health Science Center and shall be made available to students, faculty, and staff members of the University by its inclusion in the student, faculty, and personnel guides if practicable, or by any other method.

IV. Policy

A. Guidance

As stated in the Health Science Center’s Exposure Control Plan, the Health Science Center adheres to the Universal or Standard Precautions for the Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Other Bloodborne Pathogens in Health Care Settings published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Consistent with the early education of students, staff, and employees in these and other pertinent data relevant to potential infection, the following approach will be taken.

B. Educational Program

1. Each School will provide a program on prevention of exposure to infectious organisms in professional and personal situations early in the student’s educational experience and at the beginning of clinical rotations.
2. Each administrative division of the Health Science Center will provide an educational program for staff and employees to take place early in the employment

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and to focus upon prevention of exposure to infectious organisms in the workplace as warranted by the occupational risk.

C. Content of Program

The Infection Policy and Education Committee shall advise and review the development of appropriate educational programs. At the conclusion of Health Science Center educational programs/curriculum on bloodborne pathogens, the participant should be able to:

1. Have a basic understanding of HIV, HBV, and HCV as viral disease and its natural history.
2. Recognize how viruses are transmitted and contacts that do not transmit the virus.
3. Recognize the symptoms of bloodborne pathogens and the degrees/stages of these illnesses.
4. Identify precautions one must take in one's own area of practice or work regarding the bloodborne pathogens.
5. Familiarize oneself with institutional policies about bloodborne pathogens as described in the Health Science Center's Exposure Control Plan.
6. Recognize one's own role in alleviation of anxiety and misinformation.
7. Be aware of local policies regarding testing and referral information as described in Policy [8.1.1 The University of Texas System Policy and Guidelines](#) of the Institutional Handbook of Operating Policies.
8. Identify legal and ethical issues that may potentially impact patient care.

V. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this Policy.

VI. Related References

There are no related documents associated with this Policy.

VII. Review and Approval History

The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.

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