

UT Health San Antonio

8.1.3 Screening for HIV-1 Infection

Chapter 8 - Health & Safety	Original Effective Date: June 2000
Section: 8.1 Bloodborne Pathogens Policy	Date Last Reviewed: September 2005
Responsible Entity: AVP for Facilities, Safety, and Risk Management	Date Last Revised: September 2005

I. Purpose

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

II. 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.

III. Policy

The Science Center will not initiate mandatory HIV screening of students, faculty, staff, or employees unless justified by evidence of significant risk to patients.

The Health Science Center encourages students, faculty, staff, and employees who believe they are at risk of HIV infection to seek testing and counseling. The Health Science Center shall provide information about the availability of confidential and anonymous testing programs. In addition, the Health Science Center shall provide information and/or access to counseling for students, faculty, staff, employees, and others about the implications of positive or negative testing for career and future health.

IV. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this Policy.

V. Related References

There are no related documents associated with this Policy.

Template version: 2021-01

VI. Review and Approval History

- A. The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.
- B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

Effective Date	Action Taken	Approved By	Date Approved
06/2000	Policy Origination		
09/2005	Policy Revision		
06/2021	Policy Update/new template		

Template version: 2021-01 Page 2 of 2