

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

Policy



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Accountable Dean or Director: Dean of Medical Education	
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RELEVANT LCME STANDARDS:

12.8 Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

POLICY:

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai holds all students to The Mount Sinai Health System’s Infection Control Policies and Procedures. During orientation, we introduce students to these policies and procedures. Each degree program coordinates further training.

Students who experience needle stick accidents and accidental blood/body fluid in the School of Medicine will be supported. An exposure may be a percutaneous injury, such as a needle stick, cut with a sharp object or bite, contact of mucous membranes, contact of tissue, contact of skin when the exposed skin is chapped, abraded, or afflicted with dermatitis, or the contact is prolonged or involving an extensive area with blood or tissue or body fluids. We expect students to follow the published protocols immediately for several reasons: anti-retroviral therapy for HIV exposure, if recommended, should commence immediately; exposure to hepatitis B or C may require therapy or further follow-up. In general, care, evaluation, and expert advice must be available to students regarding relative risks, options for therapy, and follow-up. We coordinate with affiliate sites so that students have a clear idea of the protocol to follow and receive state-of-the-art care when appropriate. Students must attend annual seminars conducted by infection control experts and documentation of attendance becomes a permanent part of the student's file. Students must follow protocol after a needle stick or other blood/body fluid exposure.

All policies for Infection Control at the affiliates maintain standards that are reviewed regularly by the infection control experts at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Department of Medicine.

For further information regarding Student Exposure to Infectious and Environmental Hazards, [please review the following polices.](#)