

### NEEDLESTICKS & OTHER OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine (UConn SOM) Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office and the Capital Area Health Consortium (CAHC) train and employ approximately 650 residents/fellows. These residents/fellows rotate through various sites. The CAHC has agreed to adopt the Exposure Control Plan of each site. Residents/fellows, when on rotation at a hospital or office, must comply with that institution's Control Plan. If a site does not have a Control Plan, the UConn Health's plan will be used.

It is the resident's/fellow's responsibility to

- Notify his/her supervisor of an accident or injury occurring while on the job.
- Keep his/her supervisor informed of his/her medical status on an on-going basis.
- Follow the physician's treatment plan.
- Keep medical appointments and avoid any activity which will further aggravate the injury.

Accident or Injury information

- During the day, the resident/fellow must go to the site's Employee Health Department.
- Off-hours the resident/fellow should go to the Emergency Room of the working site.
  - If at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (Connecticut Children's), go to Hartford Hospital's Emergency Room.
  - If at the Hospital of Central Connecticut (THOCC), go to the Nursing Supervisor.
- The incident must also be reported by the resident/fellow to the Capital Area Health Consortium.
- If the incident occurs at a site other than UConn Health, the resident/fellow must notify the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Department at UConn Health within 24-hours.
  - During the day, this must be done immediately following initial treatment (preferably while at the Employee Health Department at the hospital).
  - If off-hours, a message with the resident's/fellow's contact number must be left.

### Blood-Borne Pathogen Training

All residents/fellows are required to receive an annual training in blood-borne pathogens. The initial training is done at orientation for all new residents/fellows. The annual training renewal is part of the Institutional Curriculum requirements. The training is through the HealthStream web-based courses.

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