



University of Colorado Boulder Needlestick & Body Fluid Exposure Process

A bloodborne pathogen exposure is one that might place you at risk for HBV, HCV, or HIV infection and is defined as a percutaneous injury (e.g., a needlestick or cut with a sharp object) or contact of mucous membrane or non-intact skin (e.g., exposed skin that is chapped, abraded, or afflicted with dermatitis) with blood, tissue, or other body fluids that are potentially infectious. Prompt treatment is essential because, in some cases, post exposure treatment may be recommended and it should be started as soon as possible.

On-line Resource Information:

- CDC's Exposure to Blood, <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/>
- Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center's PEP Steps, <http://www.mwaetc.org>

Workers' Compensation applies to CU Boulder Employees: CU Boulder employees include CU faculty, staff, paid student workers and fellows. Workers' Compensation may also apply to students in internships or practicums. Individuals exposed to bloodborne pathogens should seek immediate treatment.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Follow Up Care: For emergencies, go to the nearest urgent care facility or medical emergency room. The closest facility is:

- **Boulder Community Health Foothills Hospital:**
4747 Arapahoe Avenue
Boulder, CO 80303
303-415-7000

Please check with your site Supervisor for guidance and contact University Risk Management with any questions or concerns by calling 303-860-5682 or emailing urm@cu.edu

Reporting: Report the injury/illness immediately to your supervisor. Interns and off-campus employees should also report the injury/illness to their off-campus supervisor.

- You must file a workers' compensation Needlestick or Body Fluid Exposure Report form within 4 days of the injury/exposure. Report the incident on the [URM website](#). This form can be submitted directly from the website. If you are unable to submit the form online, you may fax it to 303-860-5680 or scan and email to urm@cu.edu.

Medical Bill Payment: Request that all bills from medical providers be sent to URM. Forward all bills you receive to URM.