

## Needlesticks / Exposure to Infectious Agents

In the event of a needle stick or other percutaneous exposure, urgent assessment is warranted and includes the following measures:

- Clean the wound thoroughly
- Go to Employee Health or the ED (on nights and weekends) immediately and get tested for hepatitis B (infection and immunity), hepatitis C, and HIV
- Find out the infection status of the source patient (by history and/or laboratory testing, including HBsAg, HIV and HCV)
- Take appropriate post exposure prophylaxis with anti-retrovirals to prevent HIV and/or hepatitis B vaccination/HBIG to prevent hepatitis B
- Fill out an incident report at <http://myrehs.rutgers.edu> to formally alert Rutgers of the event
- Call Employee Health:
  - UH- 973-972-2900
  - VA- 973-676-1000 x 1563, 1565
  - HUMC- 551-336-8686