

**PARKLAND COLLEGE
PROTOCOL FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES IN DENTAL HYGIENE
CLINIC**

STUDENT

1. Immediately after the incident, flood the exposed area with water and clean the wound with soap and water or a skin disinfectant if available. Do not dismiss your patient.
2. Notify your instructor and the clinical dentist.
3. If between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, call the Carle Occupational Medicine Department (383-3077), 810 W. Anthony Dr., Urbana. Identify yourself as a Parkland dental hygiene student and explain you've had an occupational exposure to blood/body fluids and wish to be evaluated. You will be instructed as to how to proceed. At other times, go to the Carle Emergency Department (E.D.), 611 W. Park Street, Urbana, and tell the admitting clerk the same. There's no need to notify the E.D. in advance of your arrival.
4. **Immediately:** go to the appropriate facility (see #3) to have blood tests performed and for an evaluation of the clinical exposure and counseling as to possible treatment. Parkland College will cover any charges you incur for **immediate** follow-up care by Carle Occupational Medicine or Emergency Departments. Instruct Carle personnel to send the bill to: Wellness Coordinator, Parkland College - Room U112, 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign, IL 61821, (373-3879). *You or your insurance carrier will be responsible for paying for any treatment or care beyond that which is given immediately following the exposure incident.*
5. Call Parkland's Wellness Coordinator (room U112, 373-3879) at your earliest convenience to schedule an appointment to discuss the recommended follow-up.
6. If you want to talk about the situation, call the National AIDS Hotline (1-800-342-AIDS), the Wellness Coordinator (373-3879), the Dental Hygiene Program Director(s) (351-2381 or 373-3717) or the Health Professions Department Chair (351-2383).
7. Follow-up testing is recommended at 3 months, 6 months and one year.

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