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| **PURPOSE:** | To instruct PCCO staff on what to do for an exposure to a biohazard. |
| **SCOPE:** | This guideline applies to sworn PCCO personnel. |
| **GUIDELINE:** | Proper documentation and actions for an exposure involving deceased body fluid being in contact with staffs open wound or mucosa surface. Using OSHA guide lines.  Should an exposure incident occur, immediately contact Coroner or Chief Deputy Coroner.   1. Take Exposure paperwork envelope in the morgue and fill out completely. 2. Call Summit Medical Center Lab, if the tech is confused have them check the OS book. 3. An immediate confidential medical evaluation and will be conducted by either the nearest Medical Clinic or Hospital. Follow up care shall be conducted by Park County Workman’s Comp Providers or designated appropriate medical specialty. 4. Following initial first aid (clean the wound, flush eyes or   other mucosa membrane, etc.), the following activities will be  performed:   1. Document the routes of exposure and how the exposure occurred. 2. Identify and document the source individual and draw a red, grey and purple tubes and transport to Summit Medical Center to be tested as soon as possible to determine HIV, HCV, and HBV infectivity; document that the source individual’s test results were conveyed to the employee’s health care provider. 3. If the source individual is already known to be HIV, HCV and/or HBV positive, new testing need not be performed. 4. Assure that the exposed employee is provided with the source individual’s test results and with information about applicable disclosure laws and regulations concerning the identity and infectious status of the source individual 5. Administration of post-exposure and evaluation and follow-up 6. Description of the employee’s job duties relevant to the exposure incident 7. route(s) of exposure 8. circumstances of exposure 9. if possible, results of the source individual’s blood test 10. relevant employee medical records, including vaccination status 11. Procedures for evaluating the circumstances surrounding an exposure incident 12. Engineering controls in use at the time 13. Work practices followed 14. A description of the device being used (including type and brand) 15. Protective equipment or clothing that was used at the time of the exposure incident (gloves, eye shields, etc.) 16. Location of the incident (scene, morgue, autopsy, etc) 17. Procedure being performed when the incident occurred 18. Employee’s training file |
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