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## What To Do If You Get a Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure

1. Perform basic first aid immediately, including washing the needlestick or cut with soap and water. Rinse eyes, nose, mouth or skin with clean water after exposure.
2. After completing first aid immediately notify your supervising faculty member and Geisinger Employee Health at (570) 214-9424 to ensure timely consideration of the exposure. If the exposure occurs on a clinical campus or in an ambulatory site report to nearest Employee Health office or emergency department during off hours, notify Geisinger Employee Health by the next business day.

3. You will have the appropriate tests obtained and prophylactic treatment provided at the locations outlined above. The source patient's blood will be tested for HIV and hepatitis B and C.
4. You will be followed in the employee health service of the hospital (for inpatient exposures) or Geisinger Employee Health. A Geisinger Employee Health provider will review all information and communicate with you and the clinical site, as applicable, to ensure that appropriate follow up is received.

**You MUST be cleared to return to class/clinical rotations following an exposure by Geisinger Employee Health.**