

# BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **COMPREHENSIVE POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS PROGRAM**

Function Category:  PATIENT-FOCUSED  ORGANIZATION  STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Surveillance, Prevention, & Control of Infection** Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **Post Exposure Prophylaxis**

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**Purpose:** To ensure that thorough and rapid intervention/clean-up occurs after a blood or body fluid exposure occurs.

**Brief Description:** Exposed parties are attended to immediately and patient and employee packets provide information sheets. The process includes a system to determine the severity of exposure, a checklist for the attending physician, and related policies give direction to provide intervention in a timely manner.

**Selection Basis/Criteria:** This process maximizes effective response and treatment and minimizes hospital liability.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs  Video Tape  Drawings  Manual

Other : **Sample Patient Information Packets, Procedures, MD Checklist.**

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