



## Infection Control: Employee Health Exposure Classification of Tasks/Procedures

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### Policy Statement

All tasks/procedures performed on the premises will be evaluated to determine the potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials.

### Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. The Infection Preventionist (or designee), with the assistance of the Medical Director and other staff, shall be responsible to identify, evaluate, and classify each task/procedure performed on premises.
2. Task/Procedure classification will include as a minimum:
  - a. Identifying body fluids that are likely to be contaminated with the AIDS (HIV) and hepatitis B and C (HBV/HCV) viruses;
  - b. Determining the amount of body fluids that staff are likely to encounter as a result of performing a procedure;
  - c. Determining the probability of the employee being exposed to contaminated body fluids as a result of performing the procedure;
  - d. Identifying the ways in which the AIDS (HIV) or hepatitis B and C (HBV/HCV) viruses could enter the employee's body as a result of performing the procedure;
  - e. Identifying the protective equipment that should be used while performing the procedure; and
  - f. Identifying work practices necessary to perform the procedure.
3. A *Standard Precautions Barrier Checklist* will be developed, based on the foregoing task/procedure classifications.
4. At least annually, and in conjunction with other staff and the administration, the Infection Preventionist (or designee) will re-evaluate the task/procedure classifications to determine if any task/procedure should be reclassified to a higher or lower risk category.
5. Department heads and staff will be included in the classification effort as well as to help identify engineering controls that may be useful in preventing potential exposure to blood, body fluids or other potentially infectious materials.
6. Inquiries concerning our facility's classification system should be referred to the Infection Preventionist (or designee).

<b>References</b>	
<b>References</b>	OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and Enforcement Procedures at <a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a>
<b>Related Documents</b>	Exposure Reporting and Investigating Exposure Reports Needlesticks and Cuts
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