

PREVENTING TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE

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POLICY

The staff of Davis Behavioral Health Inc will be trained in and recognize the dangers of blood-borne diseases, and follow safety measures to prevent such transmission of disease.

PURPOSE

Due to the inherent risk of working with our population of clients in mental health, alcohol and addiction therapies, wherein there exists an increased incidence of blood-borne pathogens, the following procedures are to be followed if any staff is exposed to blood products or body fluids. This policy hopes to minimize risk to staff, clients and other DBH consumers.

PROCEDURE

- I. Prevention
 - A. All Davis Behavioral Health staff will have viewed the video on blood-borne diseases.
 - B. Job classification: all staff in direct contact with high risk patients in residential units, will have Hepatitis B immunization, provided by the Davis County Health Department, and paid for by Davis Behavioral Health Inc.
 - C. All staff, regardless of patient contact will have annual Tuberculin skin tests done, PPD also provided by the Davis County Health Department, and paid for by Davis Behavioral Health Inc.
 - D. The Medical Director of Davis Behavioral Health in cooperation with Human Resources will keep a database of these procedures and the outcomes.

- II. Exposure

When a significant exposure occurs, the staff member will complete the top portion of an exposure report form (ERF), see attached, at the time of the incident. This is to be taken to Work Med or the emergency room for the remainder of treatment. That facility will draw Hepatitis B and HIV baseline serology within 24 hrs of exposure.

- A. If the staff member agrees to have the blood tests performed. One sample is sent to the Utah State Health Laboratory for HIV antibody, Hep B and Hep C screening; along with a copy of the ERF.
- B. A second copy is to be sent to Utah State Bureau of HIV/AIDS by the infection control nurse.
- C. If staff refuses to have tests performed, ERF is still sent to Utah State Bureau of HIV/AIDS.

- D. Results of performed tests will be sent to the staff member as well as the Medical Director of Davis Behavioral Health by the Utah Dept. of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology.

Definition:

Blood-borne Pathogens: Pathogenic micro-organisms, present in blood that can be transmitted and cause disease in other humans.

References:

“AIDS testing and reporting- implementation guide”, Utah Dept of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology July 1989

“EMS Protocol” – Davis County Health Department. February-17, 1995