

Policy Number 50
Needle Stick Injuries Policy

If you suffer a needle stick injury you must attend for treatment immediately and report the incident. If possible take note of the patient's details in order to help identify potential risks.

As soon as a needle stick (sharp) injury occurs you should do the following:

- Encourage bleeding by squeezing site of puncture wound, do not suck.
- Wash the wound with soap and water, do not scrub.
- Cover wound with waterproof dressing.
- Report incident to the A24.
- Report to OH Department during normal working hours.

Document the circumstances that led to exposure. Counselling is available following these blood tests. Always report a needle stick injury even if it occurs with a clean needle, via an incident report or accident book according to protocol.

END OF POLICY