

Post- Exposure Management of Herpesvirus Simiae (B-virus)

This policy pertains to injuries sustained while working with non-human primates, such as, bites, needle sticks, punctures, scratches, lacerations or splashes.

Employee to:

- Immediately inform Supervisor.
- Seek immediate medical attention.
- Follow department's policy for exposure to non-human primate blood and body fluids.
- Complete an injury/accident report form.
- Fax report to Risk Management (305) 284-3405
- Notify employee health office (EHS) of exposure –during working hours, call (305) 243-3267. After hours, weekends, and holidays call exposure phone (cell) at 305-299-4684.
- Take to the emergency room a copy of the:
 1. Accident/Injury Report Form
 2. The University's policy document- "Guidelines for Care of Persons with Potential Exposure to Herpes B-virus." Give this document to the ER healthcare provider.
- Report any signs and symptoms of Herpes B-virus infection such as skin lesions, neurological symptoms (itching, pain, and numbness), eye redness, swelling, fever, or any unusual illness to **supervisor and employee health office and seek medical attention immediately.**

Supervisor to:

- Assist employee with the completion of the accident report form
- Fax report to Risk Management –fax number: (305) 284-3405
- Notify employee health office of exposure –during working hours (305) 243-3267-After hours and holidays call phone number (cell) 305-299-4684.
- Give employee a copy of the University's document:
 - ⇒ Guidelines for Care of Persons with Potential Exposure to Herpes B-virus"
- Document the exposure incident.
- Send employee for follow-up to employee health office at **(2 weeks and 4 weeks post exposure)** to determine clinical status.
- Send blood to laboratory at time of initial exposure and at 2 weeks post exposure for Herpes B-Virus serology
Culture and blood specimens should be placed in the appropriate package and returned with the employee for submission to National B-Virus Resource Laboratory, Atlanta, GA by their department at the University of Miami.

Collection/ handling/ shipping/ follow-up of samples should be according to SOP for NIH B-virus Resource Laboratory, "B virus exposure mini-protocol" at http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwvir/PDFs/2002_Mini-SOP.pdf

Emergency Care Providers:

3. Medical Campus:
 1. UM Employee Health Office
Dominion Towers, Suite 405
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
 2. After Hours: University of Miami Hospital Emergency Room
1400 NW 12th Ave
Main Hospital number: (305) 689-5511
Emergency Room, 305-689-5464
 3. Outside Locations: Call risk management at (305) 284-3163 for the appropriate facility or go to the nearest emergency room.