

Hudson Valley Community College
Dental Assisting Program
Emergency Procedure Policy

Student will report to their supervisor all type of emergency

I. TYPE OF EMERGENCY AND WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN

A. Dental (tissue bleeding, broken instrument) – student will inform their superior.

B. Medical (depending on the situation) student will inform supervisor.

- Serious (insulin shock, electric shock, laceration, burns, MI, stroke) – 911 will be called
- Eye injury – student will use eyewash station. When chemicals or other products are involved student will refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet to determine what action should be taken.
- Choking (swallowing/inhaling foreign body) – If suspected that a patient has inhaled a foreign body, he/she should be sent to the hospital for a chest x-ray.

C. Physical (fire, violence) 911 will be called

D. Occupational Exposure - Depending on the type of incident that occurs the following guidelines are recommended:

- The route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred will be documented.
- Identify and document the source individual unless identification is infeasible or prohibited by law.
- If it is necessary the student will be referred to a hospital emergency room/or a facility contracted by the dental site. This must taken place within 24 hours but within 2 hours is preferable.
- The hospital/facility will be responsible for determining if the student is a candidate for post-exposure Prophylaxis. The hospital/facility will also be responsible for the baseline blood collection and for keeping the sample for 90 days if the exposed person does not consent to testing. If within those 90 days the exposed person elects to have the sample tested, the hospital/facility will perform the test as soon as possible.
- A copy of OSHA's 29CFR Part 1910.1030 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens, and if available the student's vaccination status and the name and address of the source individual if the information is known will be provided to the hospital/facility.

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 1. The hospital/facility will interview the student and determine information about the source individual and will contact the source individual and make arrangements for testing if that individual is willing.
 2. The hospital/facility will provide the student with a copy of Healthcare Professional's written opinion within 10 days of completion of the evaluation.
 3. Such opinion for Hepatitis B vaccination shall be limited to whether Hepatitis B vaccination is indicated for the student, and if they have received such vaccination.
 4. Such opinion for post-exposure evaluation and follow-up shall be limited to the following information:
 - That the student has been told about any medical conditions resulting from the exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials which require further evaluation or treatment.
 - All other findings or diagnoses shall remain confidential and shall not be included in the written report.