

How to manage a staff needlestick injury



Step 1

Clean

Skin Wash with soap and water or disinfectant

Mouth, Nose, Eyes Rinse well with water or saline

Treat the wound as appropriate

Step 2

Report and Document

Report exposure to a medical practitioner

Document the exposure to ensure that appropriate investigations and treatments are investigated

Step 3

Blood Testing

(consent required)

Mark tests as urgent

Both parties involved should be tested for

- HBV
- HCV
- HIV

Arrange appropriate follow up including timely administration of PEP if required

For more information, refer to Appendix 6 of the RACGP Infection Prevention and Control Standards, 5th edition.