Exposure Incident Protocol

FIRST AID AFTER AN EXPOSURE INCIDENT

1. Stop operations immediately.
2. Remove your gloves.
3. If the area of broken skin is bleeding, gently squeeze the site to express a small amount of visible blood.
4. Wash your hands thoroughly, using antimicrobial soap and warm water.
5. Dry your hands.
6. Apply a small amount of antiseptic to the affected area.
7. Apply an adhesive bandage to the area.
8. **The doctor at the clinical site and the clinical instructor should be notified of the injury IMMEDIATELY after initial first aid is provided.**

MANAGEMENT OF EXPOSURE INCIDENT

1. The office must complete an accident report immediately following the incident. This report must contain the following information:
   *The name of the student
   *The time of the incident
   *The route or routes of exposure and circumstances in which the incident occurred (for example: cut, needle stick, blood splash)
   *The source individual (the patient whose blood or body fluid is involved in the exposure incident) unless the dentist can establish that identification is not feasible.
2. The student must retrieve a copy of the office's accident report. The copy will be given to the clinical coordinator to keep in the student's file.
3. The dentist will request the source individual have his/her blood tested for HIV and HBV (the patient may refuse this request).
4. The student will be responsible for all fees incurred.
5. The student is advised to have his or her blood tested for HIV and HBV. The HIV test series should be immediate and at 6-week, 12-week and 6-month intervals. A tetanus booster may also be indicated by your physician.
6. In the event a student declines the recommended testing following an exposure incident, written documentation of their refusal must be completed with the clinical coordinator.