NEEDLE STICK INJURY PROTOCOL

Immediate

For Injury: Wash with soap and running water.

For Non intact Skin Exposure: Wash with soap and water.

For Mucosal Exposure: Wash thoroughly.

Reporting

All sharps injury and mucosal exposure MUST be reported to the immediate supervisor/ward sister incharge

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Send the person to the OPD/casualty nurse immediately.

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Fill up in standard form available and enter in register

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Report to the infection control officer/Casualty Medical Officer/AMS to evaluate the injury. Details of the needle-stick injury and requirements of PEP should be filled by the supervisor and handed over to the OPD/ casualty nurse for further follow-up.

Management

Management is on a case to case basis. (refer to SOP of post exposure prophylaxis)

Follow-Up

Follow-up and statistics of needle-stick injury are done by the HIC on a monthly basis. This information is presented at the HICC meeting and preventive actions to avoid needle-stick injuries, if any, are recorded.