Bloodborne Pathogen Training and Procedures/Exposure Control Plan

1. All University of Evansville (UE) Athletic Training students (ATSs) will be administered an on-line course and quiz on Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) training prior to any potential contact in any of UE’s Athletic Training Program (ATP) clinical sites. The on-line course is provided by the company in2vate and has an associated quiz at the completion of the course. This serves as an educational resource for all ATSs on an annual basis. Follow-up training will be conducted yearly for all observational and clinically assigned students. All policies and procedures can be found on UE’s Blackboard system under the current clinical education class that the ATS is enrolled.

2. UE’s ATP and UE’s athletic department is committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment. The following exposure control plan (ECP) is provided to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to BBPs in accordance with OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.1030, “Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens.”

   A. Treat all blood and bodily fluid contact as a potential BBP risk (Universal Precautions) and use Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) provided at the designated locations at each site.

   B. All ATSs will also go through the proper UE protocol for post-exposure plan as outlined below and which follows the OSHA BBP standard (29 CFR 1910.1030).

      1) Remove PPE after it becomes contaminated and before leaving the work area.

      2) Used PPE may be disposed of in biohazard containers.

      3) Immediately wash any skin with soap and water and flush mucous membranes with water if these areas have had contact.

      4) Never wash or decontaminate disposable gloves for reuse.

      5) Wear appropriate face and eye protection when splashes, sprays, spatters, or droplets of blood or Other Potentially Infectious materials (OPIM) may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated.

      6) Remove immediately or as soon as feasible any garment contaminated by blood or OPIM, in such a way as to avoid contact with the outer surface.

      7) Report all BBP contact to your supervising preceptor, Terry Collins, UE’s head athletic trainer, Dr. Kathy Liu, UE’s Entry Level Master’s (ELM) program director, as soon as possible and seek medical referral.

      8) Your supervising preceptor will then report to the University of Evansville’s Health Center for the proper medical referral. A medical evaluation and follow-up consisting of the following:
a) Documentation of routes of exposure and how exposure occurred

b) Identify and document the source individual

c) Obtain consent and make arrangements to have the source tested as soon as possible to determine HIV, HCV, and HBV infectivity. Document the results.

d) New testing may need to be performed if the source is already known to be HIV, HCV and or HBV positive.

e) Assure that the exposed student is provided with the source individual’s test results and with information.

f) After obtaining consent, collect exposed student’s blood as feasible after exposure incident and test blood for HBV and HIV.

9) Following an exposure incident, an Exposure Incident Report will be completed by the preceptor as quickly as possible. This report should accompany the ATS to the physician.

10) Any exposure should be handled quickly as the effectiveness of prophylaxis depends on the immediacy of its delivery.

C. Recordkeeping

Training Records will be collected and kept in the ATS’s file in the program director’s office.

D. Reporting

Upon UE preceptor learning of BBP exposure incident involving student, notify Office of Administrative Services and Risk Management so that appropriate risk and insurance issues can be properly addressed including receipt of a completed UE accident form.