

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN EVENT OF
SHARPS INJURY, SPLASH OF HUMAN
BODY FLUID TO EYES/MOUTH OR
HUMAN SCRATCH/ BITE**

- 1 (a) Puncture wounds should be encouraged to bleed freely by gentle squeezing, but the wound should not be sucked.
Wash wound with soap and water, dry and apply dressing

(b) For splash to eyes or mouth use copious amounts of water to wash the area thoroughly
- 2 Report incident to your line manager or supervisor
- 3 In conjunction with your manager assess the Blood Borne Virus (BBV) infection risk - this will depend on the nature of the hazard associated with the incident.
- 4 Record on accident report form

Nature of hazard	Action to be taken
Unused clean sharp which is definitely uncontaminated	Complete accident report form If concerned seek further advice as below.
<p>SOURCE BBV STATUS UNKNOWN</p> <p>Used or dirty sharp. Human bite or scratch Human body fluid splash to eye or mucous membranes Contamination of a cut or open skin lesion</p>	<p>As soon as possible contact</p> <p>Mon-Fri 0900 -1700 QUB Occupational Health Ext 5520</p> <p>Outside normal hours contact: Accident & Emergency department at RVH 90240503 Mater Hospital 90741211 Ulster Hospital 90484511</p>
<p>SOURCE KNOWN TO BE HIV/HEP B OR HEP C POSITIVE</p> <p>Used or dirty sharp. Human bite or scratch Human body fluid splash to eye or mucous membranes Contamination of a cut or open skin lesion</p>	<p><u>Immediately</u> contact for advice :</p> <p>Mon-Fri 0900 -1700 QUB Occupational Health Ext 5520</p> <p>Outside normal hours contact: Accident & Emergency department at RVH 90240503 Mater Hospital 90741211 Ulster Hospital 90484511</p>