

Professional Staffing, Inc.

Universal Precautions

Universal Precautions apply to blood, visible bloody fluid, semen, vaginal secretions, tissue and to cerebrospinal, synovial, pleural, peritoneal, Pericardial and amniotic fluids.

TO ALL EMPLOYEES: Shall practice universal precautions when possibility to exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens exists. Whenever there is a possibility of exposure to blood or other bodily fluids routinely recommended precautions should be followed. The level of intervention should be determined by the degree of potential risk. Before touching blood, body fluids, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or performing venipuncture you need to wear gloves. You need to change gloves after contact with each patient. Wash hands immediately after gloves are removed. Wash hands and other skin immediately if contaminated with blood or other body fluids. If there is accidental contact with blood or body fluids without wearing gloves, hands need to be washed immediately and thoroughly. Particular care should be taken in emergency situations where the risk is unknown and the possibility of accidental exposure is heightened. All disposable sharp items should be placed in puncture-resistant containers located in close proximity to the area in which they were used. Do not recap needles or otherwise manipulate by hand before disposal. In order to reduce the need for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation there should be appropriate ventilation devices located whenever the need for resuscitation can be reasonably anticipated. Mouth pieces or resuscitator bags should be available to minimize need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It is appropriate to dispose of bodily fluid in the toilet. Those items that cannot be disposed of in this manner should be wrapped securely in a plastic bag and disposed of in a manner that is consistent with Federal Law, State Law and local regulations. Spills of bodily fluids should be cleaned with an appropriate detergent while you wear disposable gloves. For procedures likely to generate splashes of blood or other body fluids you should wear a gown/apron to protect yourself from splashing. You should wear a mask and protective eyewear, or face shields for procedures likely to generate splashes of blood or other body fluids. The affected surface should be disinfected with bleach, sodium hypochlorite, or other EPA approved mycobacterial disinfectant.

Waste and soiled linen should be handled in accordance with facility policy and local law.

I have read and understand the Universal precautions, and I state I can follow these guidelines and perform them.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____