Needlestick Management

1) Wash
   - Skin and wound exposures with soap and water:
   - Eye and mucous membrane exposures in running water for 15 minutes

2) If wound or exposure requires immediate medical attention -> go directly to ER

3) Source testing – (time sensitive – do not delay)
   - **Handled differently for Shands and VA** –
   - Should be facilitated through HOTLINE for Shands exposure, Occupational Medicine for VA day exposure or ER physician @ VA for VA night/weekend exposure (source patient’s attending physician as backup)
   - Involves patient consent, blood draw, lab tests with contact information attached. Results should be called to HCW within 45 min
   - Backup instructions if no HOTLINE access
     - a. HIV SUDS tests ordered – 2 red top, 1 purple top, 1 pearl top tube
     - b. Fill out source ID and name and contact info
     - c. Deliver to 3rd floor lab

4) (+) Source result, known HIV (+) or unknown source - Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) should begin ASAP (within hours)
   - **Same for Shands and VA**
   - HCW medical evaluation facilitated through HOTLINE
   - Done at Student Health Care Service @ Shands for work hours or at Shands ER for off-hours
   - Prescriptions facilitated though HOTLINE
     - a. Can be filled through Shands pharmacy (regular work hours) or CVS @ Archer Road and 34th off hours (also are supposed to stock few doses in Student Health Care Center)
   - Backup instructions if no HOTLINE access
     - a. San Francisco Warmline 1-888-448-4911 for recommended PEP
5) (-) Source Result

- *Same for Shands and VA*
- HCW evaluation facilitated through HOTLINE for next working day
  
a. Done at Student Health Care Service @ Shands
b. Blood draw, lab work, counseling, documentation of exposure for workman’s comp

Phone/Location information

**NEEDLESTICK HOTLINE – 1-866-477-6824**

**UF Student Health Care Center @ Shands** (392-0627) – Rm D2-49 (map @ [www.shcc.ufl.edu/shands/](http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/shands/)) Hours of operation M-F 8-5 but varies with holidays.

**Shands Corelab** (265-0412) – Room 3152 3rd floor across from Atrium elevators North side

**VA Occupational Health** (x 5158) - Rm E126A1 (Across the hall from radiology CT scanners)

**VA Emergency Room** (x 6745)

**Workmans Comp** – (392-4940)

Additional Information