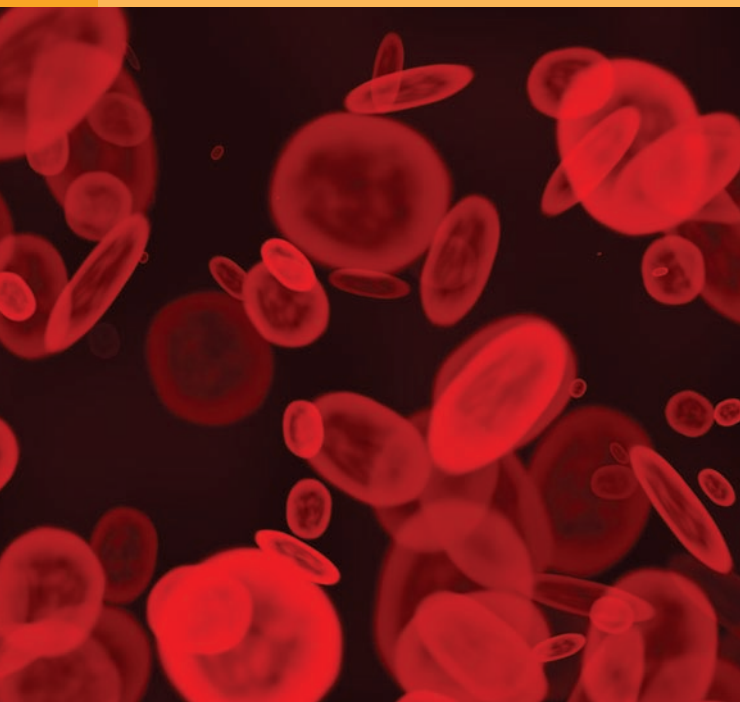
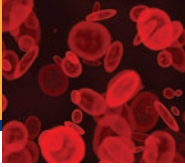


Information leaflet
for staff who have had an
**accidental
blood exposure**



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If you have had an accidental blood exposure you will be assessed in either the A&E or by the NCHD (out of hours). The assessment is based on the patient/client from whom you have had the exposure (i.e. the source), but also includes assessing the injury, source item, and you the recipient of the injury. Every effort will be made to get a blood test from the source patient to establish their status for:

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV

Clinical management for you will then be planned based on these results and assessment. If this is done we will be able to tell you the risk for you contracting a blood-borne virus from that patient.

(There may be certain circumstances where we will be unable to get a blood sample from a patient e.g. if the patient is unconscious or the patient is a child.)

Following a risk assessment you may have a blood test at the time of the injury to ascertain your immunity status for:

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV

Clinical management/follow-up with you is planned as you may need vaccine/medication and other blood tests.

These bloods are repeated at various intervals after exposure, in consultation with the Infectious Diseases consultant.

It is important you have your follow-up bloods done so we can ascertain that you have not contracted a blood-borne virus.



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