

Management of Exposures to Blood Borne Pathogens

29 April to 9 June 2024

A six-week interactive, facilitated online course providing on the management of needlestick and other exposures to blood and body substances that could potentially contain blood borne pathogens, such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV.

Topics covered include:

- Exposure prevention
- Rationale for exposure management
- Post-exposure management steps, including: risk assessment, prophylaxis, informed consent for testing, documentation, follow up
- Policy Development

Who should attend? Health care workers or managers involved in advising staff after an occupational exposure, managing exposures, or developing policy.

Requirements: Participants will need an email address and access to the internet and will be expected to spend approximately 3 hours per week for 6 weeks to complete the course. This course is counted as 18 hours of study, which may be counted towards continuing professional development within your discipline.

For a few hours more the course can be graded, and a “Certificate of Attainment” awarded. There will be no set time to be on-line, but participants are expected to log in each week to complete activities at a time that suits them.

Course Fees including GST: \$385.00 (*Free for SESLHD staff*)

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The Albion Centre - Working towards the virtual elimination of HIV transmission by 2030 and the elimination of Hepatitis C as a public health threat by 2030

Learning outcomes:

At the end of the course, it is anticipated that participants will be able to:

- Identify the importance of correct management of occupational exposures
- Provide a risk assessment after an occupational exposure
- Provide a rationale for each of the steps to manage occupational exposures
- Implement an exposure management plan
- Provide appropriate support for a worker after an occupational exposure
- Contribute to the development of policy for management of exposures

Course Outline and Schedule:

	Topic	Activities to complete
Week 1	Introduction; transmission and pathology; rationale	Post introduction Discussion topic
Week 2	Exposure risk assessment; prevention	Discussion topic Quiz
Week 3	Exposure management steps	Discussion topic
Week 4	Post exposure testing	Discussion topic Quiz
Week 5	Follow up and resources Policy development	Discussion topics
Week 6	Practice issues	Case studies Quiz

What others said about this course:

“I will be referring to the course content frequently while I assist my manager in developing a new OE policy in our district.”

“I found this course very easy to understand with plenty of information and resources to use.”

“It was helpful reading how others managed their exposures and reading about their experiences both positive and negative.”