

Management of needle stick injury, splash and bite incidents

Needle stick/splash or bite injury occurs in practice.

- Encourage the wound to bleed (do not suck)
- Wash and clean the affected area with soap and water and cover
- Splashes of blood into the mouth should be rinsed out with water
- Splashes into the eye should be irrigated with normal saline **for ten minutes** (remove contact lenses)

You must:

- **Contact OHWorks Ltd on 01227 286288 within one hour of injury occurring for risk assessment and advice.**
- Report to your Practice Assessor/Supervisor and nurse in charge of clinical area
- Attend the nearest Emergency Department (A & E) immediately
- Blood samples and a risk assessment may be carried out and further treatment may be necessary.
- Document via Datix/AIRS/accident form once you have received risk assessment and treatment

It is recommended that the student notifies their personal supervisor of the injury.

Follow up by Occupational Health:

- The risk assessment will determine whether any further blood samples or treatment are needed and students will be informed if this is required.
- Further appointments and advice will be provided by OHWorks via telephone **01277 286288** or by university email york@ohworks.co.uk
- At any time, students can contact their personal supervisors.