



SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Clinical Infection Control

Approval Authority: Rutgers School of Nursing Faculty

Responsible Executive: Executive Vice Dean

Responsible Office: Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track

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1. **Policy Statement:** To provide a safe clinical environment for the patient, student and preceptor by minimizing the risk of cross contamination.
2. **Who Should Read this Policy:** faculty, administration, and all Nurse Anesthesia students
3. **Resources and Related Documents:**

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs, February 2024
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs-Practice Doctorate, February 2024

<https://www.coacrna.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Standards-for-Accreditation-of-Nurse-Anesthesia-Programs-Practice-Doctorate-editorial-rev-February-2024-1.pdf>

School of Nursing Student Policies
<http://nursing.rutgers.edu/policies/index.html>

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (2015) Guidelines-Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Anesthesia Care.

https://issuu.com/aanapublishing/docs/4_-infection_prevention_and_control_guidelines_for?fr=sOTEzMjU2NDAXMjU

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (2022) Guidelines-Safe Injection Guidelines for Needle and Syringe Use.

https://issuu.com/aanapublishing/docs/8_-_safe_injection_guidelines_for_needle_and_syrin?fr=sNzEyZTU2NDAXMjU

Rutgers Health Policy: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/B.aspx?BookId=12206&PageId=459578>

**Rutgers Health Policy: MANAGEMENT OF POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL/
EDUCATIONAL
EXPOSURES TO HIV, HBV AND HCV**

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/B.aspx?BookId=12208&PageId=459580>

4. **Policy:** Students and faculty will adhere to recommendations and standards of infection control that are detailed in the above referenced documents and those that are standards of practice for professional nurses. Violation of these standards is considered unsafe clinical practice and may result in failure of the clinical course and dismissal from the nurse anesthesia program. In the event of a student's potential exposure to blood borne pathogens, via needle stick or any other means of transmission, current Rutgers Health policy and procedure should be followed.
5. **Procedure:** The Rutgers Health policy and procedure for needle stick or other exposure to body fluids is summarized:
 - Act quickly as time is crucial in preventing transmission
 - Wash thoroughly with soap and water
 - Notify the clinical preceptor, immediate supervisor, and the nursing supervisor of the clinical unit. Also notify the Clinical Coordinator, Program Director or a representative of the Nurse Anesthesia Program.
 - Immediately complete an incident report at the facility and follow procedure for obtaining immediate medical attention.
 - As quickly as possible, call/go to the nearest and fastest of these:
 - Rutgers Health Student health/Wellness Center
 - Clinical Affiliate Student or Employee Health
 - Clinical Affiliate Emergency Department
 - Obtain appropriate test (ie: HIV, HBV panel, HCV, BUN, creatinine, U/A, LFTs, amylase, CBC w/diff & plt, lytes, glucose, urine pregnancy, when appropriate)
 - Obtain risk assessment counseling and chemoprophylaxis if indicated and elected (best if received within hours of exposure).
 - Report all exposures and get follow up care at Rutgers Health Student Health Services.
 - Test source person (unless status is already documented) for HIV, HBV, and HCV
 - Process all bills through your private medical insurance carrier, then submit any uncovered and unreimbursed expenses to the appropriate Dean