

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Public  
Prisons

SECTION: Infection Control

POLICY # IC-5

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SUBJECT: Inmate Exposure to BBP

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## References

**Related ACA Standards**

**4<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards for adult Correctional  
Institutions 4- 4354**

## POLICY

Exposure of inmates to HIV, hepatitis B, or other bloodborne pathogens shall be managed (injury) according to the N.C. Communicable Disease Rules. When an inmate has a non-intact skin injury, mucous membrane, needle stick, or other exposure to the blood or body fluids of another inmate as defined by the N.C. Communicable Disease Rules 10A NCAC 41A .0202-.0203, it shall be the policy of the DPS to test the source inmate for HIV infection and hepatitis B, unless the source is already known to be positive for these viruses. In addition, testing for other potentially infectious diseases may be performed at the discretion of the physician. The DPS medical staff will provide post-exposure follow-up to the exposed inmate as appropriate.

## PROCEDURE

- A. The attending physician of the source inmate will discuss the exposure with the source inmate and shall test the source inmate for HIV infection, hepatitis B and other diseases as deemed appropriate by the physician.
- B. Inmates may not refuse testing for HIV infection or hepatitis B when an exposure has occurred that would pose a significant risk of transmission of HIV or hepatitis B. If the inmate refuses, compulsory testing will be performed as outlined in HCPM policy AD IV-5
- C. As soon as the source inmate's test results are known to the attending physician of the source inmate, the physician shall notify the attending physician of the exposed inmate who will inform the exposed inmate that he/she has been exposed to a blood borne virus and provide counseling, offer testing and follow-up treatment as appropriate. If the same physician is attending both inmates, the physician will be responsible for providing or arranging care for both inmates.



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