

	<p style="text-align: center;">SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY &amp; PROCEDURES</p>				
<p>TITLE: BLOOD AND BODY FLUID EXPOSURE</p>					
<p>SECTION: GENERAL POLICIES</p>			<p>POLICY NUMBER: D-4.0</p>		
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**PURPOSE:**

To provide pre-hospital providers with access to medical care for blood and body fluid exposures.

**DEFINITION:**

1. Employee: Any provider that functions in the Southern Fox Valley Emergency Medical Services System
2. Significant Exposure: Any exposure that involves blood or body fluids coming in contact with mucous membranes and/or open wounds, including needle sticks.

**POLICY:**

1. Following a potential blood and body fluid exposure the ambulance provider will complete the "Southern Fox Valley Exposure Report" (appendix E1). The completed form will be forwarded to the charge nurse in the emergency department as soon after the incident as possible. For significant exposure the employee must register as an emergency patient.
2. The employee should complete the section labeled "Completion by involved employee" only. A copy of this form should be given to the employee. The employee should forward their copy to their supervisor.
3. The charge nurse will complete the section labeled "Completion by treating staff". The employee will be seen and treated in the emergency department. Discharge instructions should include; **Significance of exposure, risk of infection, guidelines to prevent spread, and if needed recommendation to receive Hepatitis B vaccine.**
4. The Emergency physician will assess the need for treatment (first part of the form). If no further treatment is necessary, sign the form and forward it the EMS System.

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