



# SHARPS INJURY

## DEALING WITH NEEDLESTICK INJURIES

### PREVENT NEEDLESTICK INJURY

- 1 Never resheath a needle
- 2 Always dispose of sharps at point of use
- 3 The user is responsible for safe disposal
- 4 Seal sharps bin when 3/4 full
- 5 Ensure source and date are completed on sharps box

### WHAT TO DO

- 1 Bleed (gently) the wound
- 2 Wash the wound under warm running water
- 3 Apply waterproof dressing
- 4 Report to line manager
- 5 Complete incident form
- 6 Contact Occupational Health
- 7 Refer to policy (Infection Control Manual) for more details

### IS YOUR HEPATITIS B VACCINATION UP TO DATE?

For information on needlestick injuries please contact:



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