

Sharps Injury Action Checklist

1. Recipient should go to A/E for FIRST AID if needed	
<i>Recipient seen in A/E</i>	YES / NO
2. If donor known positive for HIV, immediately get hold of a antiviral starter pack (from pharmacy via the pharmacist or RMO/Senior Nurse). The instructions are in the starter pack. Take the first tablets within an hour. (If no starter pack available, phone the on-call pharmacist).	
<i>Donor HIV positive</i>	YES / TESTED NEGATIVE / NOT KNOWN
<i>Antivirals recommended</i>	YES / NO
2 a) If the recipient thinks there is any reason why the donor may be HIV+, he/she should be asked to telephone a consultant virologist or microbiologist immediately to discuss the risk and advisability of taking the antivirals.	
3 If a) successfully immunised against hepatitis B virus more than 1 year ago or b) uncertain about immune status or c) the needle stick accident was from an unknown donor, then you should have a booster immunisation (20 mcg Engerix B in 1ml im). This can be done in A/E or Occupational Health and should be done within 48 hours.	
<i>Booster vaccination recommended</i>	YES / NO
<i>given YES/NO, if yes, please record batch number here.....</i>	
4. "If the donor is known to be hepatitis B infected and you are not immune, you should have a dose of specific hepatitis B immunoglobulin available in A/E. This should also be done within 48 hours.	
<i>Hepatitis B immunoglobulin given</i>	YES / NO
5. "Please arrange to get 5ml serum from the donor. This should be sent to virology requesting "viral screen".	
<i>Blood has been taken already</i>	YES / NO
6. "You need to give a specimen of blood yourself to be saved in Virology. This can be done locally, in A/E or in Haematology 3rd floor A/E. Ask your supervisor to help you fill in a microbiology/virology request form or get one from A/E or OHD. <i>Examples of request forms are in the Infection Control Manual.</i>	
<i>Instruction given by phone</i>	YES / NO
<i>Request Form given</i>	YES / NO
<i>Blood taken</i>	YES / NO
7. Reassure the recipient that he/she is unlikely to come to any harm.	
8. Write a prescription for all drugs given.	

