



Billing and Recommended Tests for Needle Stick Exposure and Source Testing

Exposure testing is mandated whenever one of your employees is involved in an accidental needle stick. Please follow these recommended tests and billing procedures for exposure and source testing:

Billing

The costs of Exposure and Source Testing are the responsibility of the HCW/client office where the incident occurred. Please know that **we cannot bill the source patient or their insurance.** Ordering only the recommended tests, however, will help limit the costs to your office.

Type of Exposure

Infectious exposure:

- Blood or body fluid splashes into eyes, nose or mouth
- Blood or body fluid contacts non-intact skin, such as wound, cut or abrasion
- Puncture with a sharp object contaminated with blood or body fluid

Potentially infectious exposure:

- Peritoneal, pericardial, synovial, pleural, cerebrospinal, amniotic, vaginal and seminal fluids

Not considered potentially infectious (unless contaminated with blood)

- Urine, feces, sweat, tears, vomitus, nasal secretions, saliva and sputum

Recommended Testing for the Source Patient
The patient blood/body fluid to which the HCW was exposed

Source Testing
HIV1/2 (Rapid)/Hepatitis Source Patient Panel (HSPP)*
*includes HBsAg, anti-HCV and HIV

In-office source patient testing:

1. Complete requisition.
2. Indicate "Source Patient."
3. Requisition must indicate "client bill."
4. Collect specimen for "Source Testing."
5. Label and bag specimen appropriately.
6. Contact lab for STAT pick-up.

PSC source patient testing:

1. Complete requisition or script for patient testing.
2. Indicate "Source Patient."
3. Requisition must indicate "client bill."
4. Send patient to conveniently located PSC for specimen collection and STAT testing.

Recommended Testing for the HCW
The health care worker (HCW) who was exposed to the blood/body fluid

Had the HBV Vaccine?

Yes

No

Exposure Testing:

- HBsAb (HBSAB)
- Anti-HCV (HCV)
- HIV (HIV4G)

Exposure Testing:

- HBsAg (HBSAG)
- Anti-HCV (HCV)
- HIV (HIV4G)

Contact your physician or go to the EC immediately for counseling and possible post-exposure prophylaxis

In-office HCW testing:

1. Complete requisition.
2. Indicate "HCW."
3. Requisition must indicate "client bill."
4. Collect specimen for "HCW Exposure" testing.
5. Label and bag specimen appropriately.
6. Contact lab for routine pick-up.

PSC HCW testing:

1. Complete requisition or script for "HCW Exposure" testing.
2. Indicate "HCW" testing.
3. Requisition must indicate "client bill."
4. Send patient to conveniently located PSC for specimen collection.