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PROCESS TO FOLLOW IN THE EVENT OF A NEEDLE STICK INJURY

1. Encourage bleeding from the wound. Wash the affected area thoroughly with warm running water and soap (alternatively use an eye wash bottle if no soap/ water available). Do not suck the blood.
2. Cover the wound with a water proof dressing. Wash any splashes to the mouth, nose, eyes or open wound thoroughly with running water.
3. Obtain the contact details of the source patient. Discreetly ask them if they know their hepatitis B/ C or HIV status. (Ideally a pharmacist should be asking the details). A suitable phrase may be “I seem to have injured myself with the needle I have used. Do you have any medical conditions that can be passed on in the blood, such as, Hepatitis or HIV?”
4. Immediately report the injury via any internal company procedures that may be in place.
5. If advised by your Occupational Health Service, or if there is any doubt whatsoever, attend the local treatment centre (e.g. Accident & Emergency Department or Hepatitis Clinic), where assessment will take place according to the attached flow chart
6. Make a record of the incident in your pharmacy Accident Book and ensure any additional ____ policy is returned.

The nearest local treatment centre for this Pharmacy is:

Accident & Emergency, St Mary’s Hospital, Newport Tel: 01983 524081