

Medical student experiences an injury in a clinical setting

Immediate response

Student:

- informs **Supervisor**

Supervisor:

- arranges for sample testing in cases of potential exposure to infectious disease (e.g. needle-stick)
- contacts **Academy Director, course director, or site director** if student is incapacitated (e.g. major injury)

0-2 Hours after accident

Student: accesses emergency care as follows, depending on their location:

If accident occurs in an affiliated hospital

Student:

- is considered to have suffered a 'workplace injury'
- goes to Occupational Health (or equivalent) in the hospital (outside business hours, follow the hospital's after-hours protocol)
- presents badge to intake staff

Health care provider:

- completes workplace incident report
- gives copy of all reports to **student**

If accident occurs in the community/outside GTA

Student:

- goes to the Emergency Department of the nearest hospital
- informs the health care providers that they are a U of T medical student
- asks for a **workplace incident report** to be completed, or a suitable alternative
- asks for copies of any completed incident report

0-3 days after accident

Student:

- follows treatment regimen prescribed by initial care provider (e.g. PEP in the case of potential exposure)
- liaises with **Supervisor** regarding whether sample was obtained from patient (in cases of potential exposure)
- informs their **Academy Director** of the accident

Academy Director:

- opens confidential file on the accident (even if follow-up is not required)
- assesses **student's non-medical** needs
- confirms with **student** that an appropriate referral has been obtained (if relevant) – if not, makes arrangements for this to occur with Occupational Health unit, or other service
- ensures that contact with U of T WSIB Administrator has been made regarding a possible claim
- ensures coordination and distribution and completion of paperwork for claim (if relevant)
- coordinates submission of paperwork for claim to U of T WSIB Administrator (if relevant)

NB: Paperwork may be needed from **Faculty Registrar, Occupational Health Unit, Hospital Senior Administrator, student, etc.**

- may contact **Associate Dean OHPSA** if additional student support is needed

Subsequently

Student:

- attends follow-up referral and care as arranged
- complies with instructions from WSIB or other insurer regarding documentation required

Follow-up care provider:

- liaises with site of the accident/site of initial care regarding need and/or outcome of sample testing, initial treatment prescribed, etc.

Academy Director:

- maintains contact with student regarding emerging or unresolved concerns

Associate Dean OHPSA:

- coordinates support for student as requested

Academy Director: Tracking

- records incident for statistical tracking
- reports the incident (in non-identifying way) to the **Academy Director's Committee**

All Academy Directors:

- collaborate on *Annual Report on Student Injury in Clinical Settings*

Institutional response

All Academy Directors:

- develop recommendations as warranted related to student injury and exposure

Vice Dean MD Program:

- reviews *Annual Report on Student Injury in Clinical Settings*
- responds to any concerns highlighted in report by introducing appropriate measures

In the event that the exposure leads to a confirmed infection

Student:

- is required to report infection to **Associate Dean OHPSA** or **Academy Director** – this is for patient safety

Academy Director:

- shares information with **Associate Dean OHPSA**

Associate Dean OHPSA:

- refers case to **Expert Panel on Infection Control**

Expert Panel on Infection Control:

- responds as per *Infectious Diseases and Occupational Health for Applicants to and Trainees of the Faculty of Medicine Academic Programs*