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POLICY

It is the policy of Johns Hopkins to evaluate and implement devices which have the potential to reduce exposure of employees and students to biological, chemical and physical hazards.

All employees and students are required to implement protective safety equipment and procedures as approved by the Joint Committee for Health, Safety and Environment.

Upon approval by the Joint Committee for Health, Safety and Environment, protective devices shall be implemented by all applicable employees, unless it has been demonstrated that implementation of the device in a specific medical procedure interferes with proper patient care, or unfavorably impacts on other patient care systems or research. Exemptions from use of an approved protective device may be granted by the Chairman, Joint Committee on Health, Safety and Environment, or designee, upon written request.

REFERENCES

Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Administration/OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard 29 CFR 1910.1030

COMAR 09.12.31: MOSH Needlestick Safety Act 9/7/01

Johns Hopkins Safety Manual: Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Program, HSE 501

RESPONSIBILITIES

Health, Safety and Environment or Clinical Products Value Analysis Committee Formulate recommendations for the implementation of protective devices and/or protective equipment. Recommendations will include guidelines for product usage, personnel effected, cost impact and an implementation schedule.

Forward recommendations to the JHI Joint Committee for Health, Safety and Environment for approval.

Chairman, Joint Committee Approve protective devices and/or equipment.

Departmental Management Ensure proper training in use of protective devices and/or equipment.

Enforce the proper use of protective devices and/or equipment.

All Staff Utilize approved protective devices as intended and as applicable.

REVIEW

Annually