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STUDENT BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN POST-EXPOSURE EVALUATION AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

This writing is to ensure that all students who, as part of their instruction in the Athletic Training Education Program @ UD, are at risk for exposure to human blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) understand and acknowledge that the inherent risk of injury and illness is assumed with the decision to enroll in the academic program. The purpose of this writing is to express the University of Delaware philosophy and set forth general principles on the management of a student exposure incident to bloodborne pathogens.

BACKGROUND

The University of Delaware has a Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control program (https://sites.udel.edu/nmhc/files/2016/03/BBP-Exposure-Injury-Policy-Procedure-1bmgtvj.pdf) aimed at the minimization or elimination of exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens found in infected human blood. The program is modeled after the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and applies in total to both employees and students with minor exceptions. Since the OSHA Standard is intended to protect employees in the workplace as opposed to students in an academic setting, the University is released from liability and financial responsibility for medical management and treatment following an accidental exposure incident and the vaccination of undergraduate students against Hepatitis B.

Academic programs, including the Athletic Training Education Program, with undergraduate students at risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens request that such students sign a release communicating this policy and acknowledging their understanding that the University is **not** liable or responsible for damages from injuries or illnesses sustained during academic participation.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a student of the University of Delaware, I understand that I may be asked to perform tasks that might pose a risk of exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens causing such diseases as AIDS and Hepatitis, which can lead to serious illness or death. Accidental exposure to human blood or OPIM must be reported immediately to the Sports Medicine Clinic or UD Student Health Services. In addition, the Program Director and Clinical Education Coordinator need to be informed. I understand that I will be directed to obtain a risk evaluation, conducted by a clinician familiar with post-exposure evaluation and treatment, which is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and if deemed necessary, initiation of postexposure prophylaxis (PEP). The CDC specifically recommends that PEP be initiated within two hours of HIV exposure to prevent disease transmission. I understand that I am personally responsible for the cost of the post-exposure medical management and treatment and that the University of Delaware is in no way responsible for these expenses.

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Student Signature

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Student Name (printed)

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Date