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4734-8-08 Universal precautions.

- (A) Licensees who perform or participate in invasive procedures shall be familiar with, observe and adhere to the acceptable and prevailing standards for universal blood and body fluid precautions to minimize the risk of being exposed to or exposing others to the hepatitis B virus (HBV), the hepatitis C virus (HCV), and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). ~~should utilize universal precautions recommended by federal and state regulatory agencies to minimize the risk of exposure to blood, body fluids containing visible blood, and other fluids to which universal precautions apply.~~
- (B) When performing or participating in invasive procedures licensees shall include at least the following: ~~any procedure that risks exposure to blood, body fluids containing visible blood, and other fluids to which universal precautions apply, protective barriers such as gloves, gowns, masks and protective eyewear should be available to reduce contamination and supplement infection control and used in accordance with universal precaution guidelines recommended by federal and state regulatory agencies.~~
- (1) Appropriate use of hand washing;
- (2) Effective disinfection and sterilization of equipment;
- (3) Safe handling and disposal of needles and other sharp instruments; and
- (4) Appropriate barrier techniques including wearing and disposal of gloves and other protective garments and devices.
- (C) A licensee who performs any procedure that requires the use of needles shall utilize aseptic techniques and only sterile, disposable needles.
- (D) Infectious waste such as laboratory, pathological, blood and sharps waste shall be disposed of according to requirements established by federal, local, and state environmental regulatory agencies.