

CHECKLIST

Testing of source person or recipient for hepatitis B/hepatitis C/HIV

This is a checklist for the doctor or nurse providing information to the source or recipient for consent prior to testing.

- Explain why a blood test is required in this blood and/or body fluid exposure incident/event**
- Discuss purpose of test as applicable**
 - Establish baseline status of recipient
 - Establish infection status of source person
 - Follow-up blood test
- Document individual's personal risk for hepatitis B, hepatitis C or HIV**
- Specify what blood tests are to be done**
 - Hep B surface antigen ± Hep B e antigen, Hep B e antibody, Hep B viral load,
 - Anti-HBs (if previously vaccinated and no record of post-vaccination titre)
 - Anti-HCV ± Hep C viral load
 - HIV Ag/Ab ± HIV viral load
- Discuss advantages of testing and implications of positive test result with individual, covering the following:**
 - Identification of previously unknown disease and ensuring referral to infectious diseases specialist
 - Protection of sexual partners
 - Allowing informed planning for the future
 - Possible requirement to inform insurer of a positive test result as is applicable for an existing policy or for a new application
 - Applicable safe work practices including reporting to own Occupational Health Service
 - Sharing of toothbrushes, shaving or razor blades, needles
 - Donation of blood, body fluids or other tissues – need to disclose positive results
 - Pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Explain confidentiality in the use of and communication of results**
- Explain that results on source patient may have to be disclosed to recipient**
- Ensure plan in place to obtain blood results and notify patient of results**
- Affirm that declining consent will not impact on ongoing care (if applicable)**
- Offer individual opportunity for clarification of any concerns**
- Document in presence of patient that informed consent has been given before testing**
- Inform the patient that hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV are notifiable diseases and positive results will be notified confidentially to the Medical Officer of Health**