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Reference Safety Circular 4/2017

Availability of hepatitis B vaccine

Please note:

- (1) There is a global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine; the University's Occupational Health Service is unable to offer vaccination in accordance with our normal practice.
- (2) For those who handle human tissue, robust preventative controls should already be in place to minimize the likelihood of exposure to all blood borne pathogens.

Action Required:

- (1) Please review your procedures to ensure that the chances of a sharps injury when handling human tissue are minimized.
- (2) In the event of a needle-stick or sharps injury resulting in exposure to potentially contaminated tissue, contact the Occupational Health Service and report the accident to Safety Services in the usual way.

Information:

- (3) Post exposure vaccination will be made available via Occupational Health.
- (4) Note that vaccination is not a preventative control measure but is used to mitigate the consequences of an exposure.

Further information can be found at <http://www.occhealth.manchester.ac.uk/>

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