

Issues / Concerns that need to be addressed in advance by Hospital Designated Officer

1. The Designated Officer from the emergency response agency should write a letter (sample attached) to the Hospital DO. This letter should identify them as the DO and include their contact information. This letter should be sent to all hospitals in their area that their employee/ volunteer may go to for post exposure follow-up.
2. Your hospital operator should be aware of who the designated officer is in your hospital for quick response to inquiries.
3. Hospitals should test the source patient for HBV, HCV and HIV. The emergency response agency should have a mechanism set up to pay for this.
4. Hospitals need to respond "as soon as possible" preferably within 2 hour period.
5. It is imperative that you treat these exposures as you would you own employees.