



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

There have been many calls regarding occupational exposure and the flow of information to emergency responders and law enforcement officers from hospitals. As the HIV Training Coordinator for the Central New York Region I conducted a needs assessment of emergency responders and hospitals in my 13 country Central New York region to identify the issues and solutions surrounding occupational exposure and the sharing of source patient information.

An in depth analysis was conducted on the responses. Based on this analysis a packet has been created for hospitals and emergency responders that explains the necessary information required for your agency to share source patient status.

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As you use this manual if you feel there is additional information that should be added please contact stevensL@upstate.edu or call 315-464-5593.

The "Occupational Exposure Handbook for ERE Exposures" is available at our web site: www.upstate.edu/cei

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