



Guidelines

Exposure-Prone Procedures (EPPs)

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Exposure-prone procedures (EPPs) are invasive procedures where there is a risk that injury to the dental health care provider may result in the exposure of the patient's open tissues to the blood of the dental health care provider. Any dental health care provider with HBV, HCV or HIV is restricted from performing EPPs in the **high-risk exposure procedure** until their condition is managed as per the *NBDS Guidelines on members with Bloodborne Viruses*.

There would be no restrictions on performing procedures in the moderate or low risk categories.

High risk exposure-prone procedures

- All surgical procedures (hard and soft tissue including suturing)
- Periodontal scaling and root planning

Moderate risk exposure-prone procedures

- Locally anesthetized operative, prosthetic and endodontic procedures
- IV insertion
- IM injections

Low risk exposure-prone procedures

- Gloved oral examinations
- Routine preventive procedures
- Pit & fissure sealants
- Topical fluoride
- Prophylaxis
- Diagnostic procedures
- Orthodontic procedures
- Prosthetic procedures (e.g. dentures)
- Cosmetic procedures (e.g. bleaching) not requiring local anesthesia