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POINTS TO CONSIDER IF YOU ARE BEING APPROACHED FOR A BLOOD TEST TO SCREEN FOR BLOOD **BORNE VIRUSES**

Occupational Health Department

THIS LEAFLET IS INTENDED FOR USE IF:

A Health Care Worker has sustained a needlestick / sharps / splash / scratch / bite injury during the course of your treatment. The nature of the injury is that there is a risk that the health care worker could have become infected with a virus that you might be carrying without your knowledge.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

It is Department of Health guidance and Trust Policy that a blood test is carried out to screen you for the most common blood borne viruses – Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. This helps ensure that the injury sustained by the health care worker can be managed appropriately; however this can only be done with your knowledge and consent.

- If you test negative for these viruses it will help reduce anxiety in you and the injured health care worker.
- If you test positive for these viruses it will enable appropriate treatment to be given to both you and the injured health care worker as soon as possible.

BEFORE HAVING THE BLOOD TAKEN THE PERSON TAKING THE BLOOD SAMPLE SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

Ways in which Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV viruses are transmitted, which could include sexual intercourse, intravenous drug use, receiving as blood transfusion prior to 1991.

Seek agreement to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV and make clear that you have the right to decline the test.

Advantages for testing you:

- Identification of previously unknown disease so that treatment can be started as soon as possible
- Opportunity to be referred to an appropriate Specialist
- Sexual partners may be protected
- Plans for the future can be made

Disadvantages of testing for you:

- Anxiety
- Possible adverse impact on relationship with family
- Insurance difficulties, however a negative test should not affect insurance applications

Management of blood tests:

Management of blood tests and results, including who will give you the results and how you wish to receive the blood results.

If you wish you can choose not to be informed of the blood test results.

Medical Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email pals@asph.nhs.uk. If you still remain concerned please contact our Complaints Manager on 01932 722612 or email complaints@asph.nhs.uk

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