

University of Pittsburgh Animal Care Program

**INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH NON-HUMAN PRIMATES**  
Standard Operating Procedure

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TYPE OF INJURY

Primate bite  
Primate scratch  
Needlestick involving primate bodily fluid  
Primate bodily fluid splash to eyes, mouth, broken skin or open wound  
Cut or scratch from contaminated cage or equipment

COURSE OF ACTION

1. Locate and open non-human primate exposure kit. Don gloves and eye protection as appropriate.
2. Wash wound immediately for 15 minutes with the scrub brush provided at the station. Flush and rinse well. For mucous membrane exposure (eye, nose or mouth), flush at eyewash station for 15 minutes.
3. Notify your supervisor immediately, and the DLAR veterinary staff as soon as possible. If they are not immediately available, do not delay your trip to Employee Health Services or the Emergency Room. The supervisor will notify the medical treatment facility indicated below.
4. Proceed immediately to **Employee Health Services**, Medical Arts Building, Suite 500.59, 3708 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213, **phone 412-647-3695**. **Clinic Hours are Monday to Friday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.**
  - 4.a. If during non-Clinic hours, proceed immediately to **UPMC Presbyterian Hospital Emergency Department**, 200 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh PA 15213, **phone 412-647-3333**. Take a copy of the appropriate informational handout with you.
  - 4.b. If the injury is imminently life-threatening, (e.g. massive bleeding, loss of consciousness, inability to breathe), **Call Campus Police 412 624-2121 on the Oakland Campus or dial 911, off-campus, for medical transport.**
5. The treating clinician should page Employee Health Services at 214-392-7335
6. After emergency treatment is accomplished, contact the person in your department in charge of Worker's Compensation Claims to fill out the appropriate forms.