INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH NON-HUMAN PRIMATES
Standard Operating Procedure

May 2017

TYPE OF INJURY

Primate bite
Primate scratch
Needle stick 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, MyHealth@Work for the University of Pittsburgh or the Emergency Room. The supervisor will notify the medical treatment facility indicated below.

4. Proceed immediately to Employee Health Services, MyHealth@Work for the University of Pittsburgh, Medical Arts Building, Suite 500.59, 3708 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213, phone 412-647-4949. Clinic Hours are Monday to Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 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 call Employee Health Services, MyHealth@Work for the University of Pittsburgh at 412-647-4949.

6. In the event of non-human primate related injury contact your supervisor and initiate approved procedure immediately. Also contact DLAR veterinarians as soon as possible; 412-648-8950 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM; (412) 624-VETS (8387) (answering service) after hours.

7. After emergency treatment is completed, contact the person in your department in charge of Worker’s Compensation Claims to fill out the appropriate forms.

All injuries should be reported. Call 1-800-633-1197 to report (24 hours/day, 7 days/week)