



## Central Arizona Dental Foundation

### Needle Stick/Sharps Injury Protocol

**If you are cut, stuck or scratched by a contaminated sharp instrument or a needle, please follow these guidelines:**

1. Clean the wound immediately with soap and water.
2. Advise the Department Lead of the incident, they in turn will notify the Clinic Director.
3. If you know which patient the instrument was used on, ask the patient to please remain with you until it can be determined if there is need to have the patient tested.
4. The Clinic Director or Assistant Clinic Director will go over criteria with you to determine if there is a need for you and the patient to be tested.
5. All incidents must be reported to the Department Lead at the time they occur.