

Accidental Needlestick Injury

What to do in the event of an accidental community needlestick injury

001.



Allow it to bleed freely

Injuries are usually superficial

Do not squeeze where you were poked by the needle. This may damage the tissues and increase risk of infection.

002.

Wash the area

With soap and warm water

Do not apply bleach or alcohol to the area. This may damage the tissues and increase risk of infection.



003.



Stay Calm

And visit your local ER as soon as you can

- The care providers at the hospital will determine any follow-up care you may need based on your specific situation.
- Bloodwork will be done at this visit with follow-up over the next three months to monitor your health and provide you any necessary support.