

Universal Precautions

“a set of precautions designed to prevent transmission of HIV, hepatitis B virus (HBV), and other bloodborne pathogens when providing first aid or health care. Under universal precautions, blood and certain body fluids of all patients are considered potentially infectious for HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens”

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Universal precautions apply to:

- blood
- bodily fluids containing visible blood
- semen
- vaginal fluid
- cerebrospinal
- synovial, pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, and amniotic fluids
- needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments

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Universal precautions DO NOT apply to:

feces
nasal
secretions
sputum
sweat
tears
urine
vomitus

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Universal precautions are achieved by using protective barriers that include:

**gloves
gowns
protective eyewear
aprons**