

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: Occupational Health Service Greater Glasgow



Quick Reference Guide for Needlestick & Similar Injuries





Occupational Health Follow up

Storage blood taken from injured Health care worker at the time of the injury or advice given on obtaining storage bloods within clinical area.

Initial follow up includes assessment of Hepatitis B status & arranging follow-up blood borne virus (BBV) testing as appropriate.

The need for follow up BBV testing will be based on the source patient's blood borne virus screening results. If the source results are negative then follow up testing of the injured person can be stopped. If results are positive or no results are available, then testing of the injured person will continue. Follow up testing involves HIV testing at 6 & 12 weeks and Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C testing at 6, 12 & 24 weeks after injury.

The clinician taking the bloods from the patient is responsible for notifying Occupational Health of the results.