

# Exposure Prone Procedure Declaration (EPPD) Fact Sheet

Students enrolled in Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health Therapy, Periodontology, Medical Laboratory Science, Nursing and Midwifery may be called upon to take part in Exposure Prone Procedures (EPPs) throughout the course of their study. If you are enrolled in one of these programs you must complete this form and submit before your due date.

# What is an Exposure Prone Procedure?

**Exposure Prone Procedures** (EPP's) are those procedures where the worker's gloved hands may be in contact with sharp instruments, needles tips or sharp tissues (eg bone or teeth) inside a patient's open body cavity or wound where the hands or finger tips may not be completely visible at all times.

## How do I complete the form?

The EPPD form must be completed and signed by your Medical Practitioner/Registered Nurse after you have had your HIV and Hep C blood tests and the Medical Practitioner/Registered Nurse has provided you with your results. You must also read the top section of the form and sign and date.

## Why do I need to complete this form?

It is your professional responsibility to be aware of what your current status is with regards to Blood Borne Viruses. If you are infected with a Blood Borne Virus then you are unable to participate in Exposure Prone Procedures. Completing this form acknowledges that you are aware of your status and if you are infected or become infected, that you will inform the Fit for Professional Practice Office and will not participate in any Exposure Prone Procedures.

### Where can I access the EPPD form?

You can download the form from the <u>Health Placement Support Hub</u> website.

For more information contact the Health Placement Support Hub on:07 5552 9480 or email healthplacementsupport@griffith.edu.au

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