

## PROJECT PRAKASH

### KEY LEARNING POINTS

**Training:** Viral Hepatitis in Dentistry – *Spreading smiles; NOT hepatitis*

**Topic:** Health Care workers safety from Blood Borne Viruses

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**Period:** 2019 - 2020

**Attendees:** Dental Professionals

#### Key Points

- ✚ HCWs need to be aware about the possible risks of acquiring infection from these BBVs.
- ✚ Prevention is better: UWP, HBV vaccination and know your immune status by testing for anti HBs.
- ✚ Following exposure do not panic: report and get proper step wise management.
- ✚ Need for the formation of National guidelines for HCW safety and in case HCW is infected then management.
- ✚ Risk of transmission is directly related to work place and practices.
- ✚ Surgeons, emergency doctors and laboratory professionals have been identified as having the highest risk of exposure.
- ✚ Establish policies and procedures for routine cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces.
- ✚ Use surface barriers (plastic wrap/sheet) to protect clinical contact surfaces, and change between patients.

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