

Re: needlestick injury via a hollow-bore needle

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greyhackles wrote:

Of course you could have been exposed. You got stuck, right?

The reason why I'm ambivalent and posting here is because I'm not quite sure if what I had was really what they call a needlestick injury. In a literal sense, my finger wasn't 'stuck' by a needle. The tip of the needle made contact, but the needle didn't go into my finger as with an injection. Maybe I would have had the same exposure if I slightly tapped my finger onto the needle point to feel how sharp it really is. But then again, it felt really sharp.

Get tested so you can stop worrying about it.

Worrying is bad, ok? Sometimes, worse than the disease...

I forgot to mention that I went to a physician to get tested. Physician #1 took my baseline readings (which were within normal limits) and told me to come for a follow-up reading 6 wks later.

Come 6 wks later, I met physician #2. (this was a university-setting; no assigned doctors) She made me reiterate to her my situation and she told me that I did not have an exposure because there weren't any visible blood. She refused to go on with further blood tests, saying they were a waste of time.

But she never gave me a clear answer of whether I could have gotten an microscopic exposure that could have been infectious. I mean, the needle still have could have penetrated through my gloves and skin without visible punctures and blood.

I don't know what I should do.

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