

Nursing Protocol for Human Bite Incident at School

Human Bite Wound Procedures:

1. Put on disposable gloves.
2. Assess the wound for break in the skin.
3. Clean wound with soap and warm, running water, and rinse for 3-5 minutes if skin is broken.
4. Apply Bacitracin ointment to the wound. Cover with sterile dressing.
5. Apply cold compress.
6. Check Hepatitis B and Tetanus immunization status for compliance for both the biter and the person that was bitten if the skin is broken.
7. Maintain confidentiality of all involved students and staff.
8. Notify administration immediately.

Student Specific Procedures:

1. School nurse or adult responsible for student (if nurse is not in the building) will notify student's parents/guardians immediately.
2. Urge immediate medical evaluation with a health care provider for both the student that was biting, and the person that was bitten if it is possible there was an exchange of blood or body fluids.
3. Complete Report of Human Bite – Parent Form, and provide to parent/guardian of affected students.
4. Refer parent to administrator regarding behavior if parent requests.
5. Record biting incident in electronic health record for both the student who was biting and the person who was bitten.
6. Complete Incident Report.

Staff Specific Procedures:

1. Advise employee to contact Company Nurse (1-888-375-0279)
2. Complete Incident Report

Follow Up Procedures:

1. Confer with the administrator and classroom staff to review the context of the biting incident.
2. Consider whether changes in supervision and/or environment are needed.
3. Evaluate the need for protective equipment, ie arm protection, etc.
4. Provide additional staff education as needed.

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