

### Procedure for Sending Samples for Needle Stick Injuries

We store the blood taken immediately after the injury and request you send further blood according to the table below which is based on the risk of a blood borne virus transmission:

<b>Donor status</b>	<b>Immediate Testing</b>	<b>Further Testing</b>
Unknown donor	<b>Send blood within 48 hours.</b> This sample is stored for 2 years.  Offer HIV PEP according to risk assessment, and/or HBV vaccination according to Green Book	Nil or (if Risk Assessment Suggests Testing Required): 4 <sup>th</sup> Gen HIV test, HBsAg and HCV antibody test at 24 weeks
Known donor – BBV negative		Nil
Donor HIV positive		4 <sup>th</sup> Gen HIV test at 4,12 weeks, and/or 12 weeks after cessation of PEP
Donor HBV positive		HBsAg and HBsAb at 12, 24 weeks; if HBsAb neg – do HBcAb
Donor HCV positive		HCV PCR at 4,12 weeks, HCV Antibody test at 12, 24 weeks

The Occupational Health Inoculation Injury risk assessment can be found on the HUB:  
<https://hub.exe.nhs.uk/a-z/occupational-health/>