

Healthcare worker with a blood borne virus: Expert Advisory Committee checklist

To be completed by the individual referring a matter to the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC)

| Section 1 | | Yes | No |
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| 1. | Does the healthcare worker have evidence of infection with a blood borne virus? (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)?) | | |
| 2. | Does the healthcare worker perform, or intend to perform, exposure prone procedures ¹ (EPPs)? | | |
| 3. | Is the healthcare worker under the care of an appropriate qualified specialist in the management of the blood borne virus/s? | | |
| 4. | Are the infected healthcare workers blood results within the levels prescribed in the national guideline? | | |
| 5. | Does the healthcare worker meet the other requirements to practice exposure prone procedures as per the national guidelines? | | |

If the answer is **“NO”** to any question/s in Section 1, this case is unlikely to be suitable to be referred to the EAP.

Please refer to the national guideline for more information and clear guidance. If the answers are **“YES”** to all the questions in Section 1, continue to Section 2.

| Section 2 | | Yes | No |
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| 6. | Has the healthcare worker, knowingly or unknowingly, performed exposure prone procedures while infectious with a blood borne virus? | | |
| 7. | Is there any personal or professional behavioural reason that the healthcare worker may have potentially transmitted a blood borne virus to others? | | |
| 8. | Is this a complex case that requires consideration of matters that are not clearly dealt with in the national guideline? | | |

If the answer is **“YES”** to any of the questions in Section 2, this case mbe be appropriate for the EAC.

Consideration should be given to making a mandatory notification to the Office of the Health Ombudsman or the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, as appropriate, if professional misconduct is involved. To make a referral to the EAC, contact the Medical Director of the Communicable Diseases and Infection Management Unit at HCWBBVpanel@health.qld.gov.au or phone 07 3328 9754 during business hours, Monday to Friday.

¹ See Appendix 1, page 40 of the Australian National Guidelines for the Management of Healthcare Workers living with Blood Borne Viruses and Healthcare Workers who Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses.

