OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE POLICY

After much discussion, the University has agreed to cover medical students who have an occupational exposure (needlestick etc) while performing duties related to their coursework under Workman's Compensation. Please find below the instructions for what you should do in the case of an occupational exposure. This policy covers your activities in any health care setting. Please call Anna or Dr. Allen at 581-3683 with any questions.

University of Utah School of Medicine
Instructions for Reporting Work Related Injury and Illness for Medical Students

1. Notify your senior resident or attending physician immediately

2. Seek medical treatment, as directed by your resident or attending physician, as soon as possible. If possible, utilize a University provider, such as the Occupational Health Nurse or the Emergency Room. However, if you are working in a health care setting outside of the University, it is permissible to utilize the emergency department services at that location. Indicate to your health care provider that this incident will be covered by the Workers Compensation Fund of Utah (WCFU).

3. Obtain a copy of the Employers First Report of Injury or Illness form from your health care provider or from the University of Utah Human Resources web site (www.med.utah.edu/hr/forms). Have your senior resident or attending physician sign the form. Sign the form using your name and social security number as it appears on your School of Medicine registration. Return the form to the University of Utah Benefits Department (420 Wakara or Fax: 585-7375). It is important to file the First Report of Injury form with 24 hours of injury.

4. Tell your health care provider the same information you gave your resident about the accident and ask him/her to immediately send all relevant information to the Workers Compensation Fund of Utah and the Industrial Commission.

5. Inform your resident or attending physician of the outcome of your treatment(s). Any note releasing you from work must be provided to your clerkship coordinator/director, who should then notify your attending physician and the Office of Student Affairs.

6. It is important that you inform your WCFU claims representative or the Benefits Department about any change or update with your current mailing address, whereabouts, and treatment(s).

7. Be aware that additional medical services may need pre-authorization (check with your WCFU claims representative or the University Benefits Department). Be sure to tell the professionals providing these services that you are insured by WFCU.