

1 **Resolution Number:** 200-2015

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3 **Title:** Needlestick Policy

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Education and Licensure

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2014-15 Council on Professional Issues

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** See Board Substitute Resolution 200B-2015.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** See Board Substitute Resolution 200B-2015.

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15 **Background:** At the 2014 Annual Session, a resolution was submitted requesting ASDA develop a policy
16 for dental student care after a needlestick incident. The 2014 Membership and Professional Issues
17 reference committee agreed a need exists for a policy and Resolution RC203-2014 was referred to the
18 Council on Professional Issues for further investigation. The council compared a random sampling of
19 current dental school needlestick and bloodborne pathogen exposure policies. Many of the policies are
20 neither easily accessible nor comprehensive. The council developed policy E-11 to support the health
21 and safety of ASDA members by suggesting a best practice for students to follow in case of a needlestick
22 incident; therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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26 **Resolved,** that ASDA adopt the E-11 Needlestick Policy to read as follows:

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28 The American Student Dental Association encourages all dental schools to provide a transparent and
29 comprehensive needlestick/bloodborne pathogen policy including, but not limited to:

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a. A definition of exposure;

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b. A procedure to follow in case of exposure including, but not limited to:

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i. An appropriate timeframe to complete post-exposure assessment

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ii. What the student should do during business hours, after-hours and/or at an off-site location

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iii. Locations to obtain post-exposure assessment;

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c. Administrative contact information, including an after-hours number;

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d. Whether the school will cover the costs of blood draw and/or antiretroviral therapy for the student, the amount covered, and how to apply for the coverage;

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e. An annual review of the policy at the start of each academic year.

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39 **Action:** The Chair moves substitution of 200B-2015 for 200-2015 with a recommendation of a Yes vote
40 and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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42 **House Action:**

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