Resolution Number: 200-2015

Title: Needlestick Policy

Reference Committee Assignment: Education and Licensure

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

Financial Impact: None

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

a. A definition of exposure;

b. A procedure to follow in case of exposure including, but not limited to:
   i. An appropriate timeframe to complete post-exposure assessment
   ii. What the student should do during business hours, after-hours and/or at an off-site location
   iii. Locations to obtain post-exposure assessment;

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

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;

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

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

House Action: