

Accidental Needle

Poke Process

- ◇ Clean and flush the site with water and soap, without scrubbing the site; cover loosely allowing it to bleed freely.
- ◇ Do not suck on the site to draw blood to surface.
- ◇ Take note of the injury (depth, needle size).
- ◇ Go to the nearest emergency room immediately. Doctors may be able to prescribe medication (Post Exposure Prophylaxis) to help your immune system fight off potential blood borne infections. These medications need to be started within 72 hours of the injury.

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**Call, email, or walk-in
during office hours:**

Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
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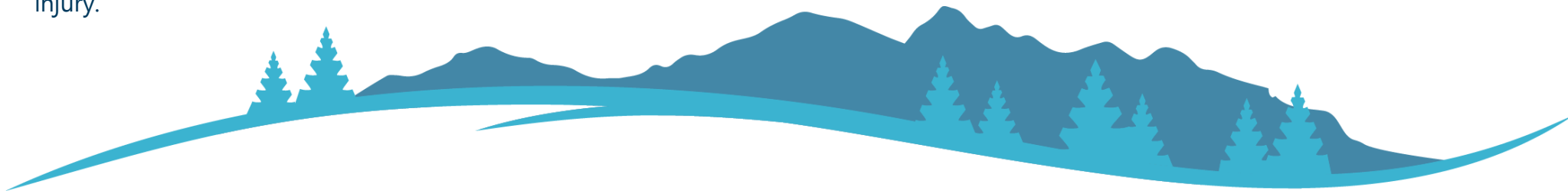
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*If you are experiencing an emergency,
call 911.*



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Safer Needle Pick-up



Needle Pick-up & Disposal

Safety Tips

Things to Avoid



Tools for picking up needles:

- Tongs
- Gloves
- A bio-bin or container that is puncture proof and has a closable lid
- Closed-toed shoes are recommended

- It is recommended to put the bio bin/container on the floor or ground when putting needle inside, instead of holding it.
- Pick up the needle with the tip pointing downwards.
- Close container, bring to Northreach to dispose. Mark container as a needle container and tape or lock shut so it does not open.
- Dispose of gloves, wash hands, sanitize tongs.



- If you are uncomfortable with picking up any needle debris, call Northreach at 780-538-3388 or 780-832-8548.
- Do not hold the container when placing needle inside.
- Do not try to recap needles.

