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Abstract:

Background: While not directly responsible for patient care, hospital housekeepers are still susceptible to accidents with biological material.

Objectives: Establish profile and frequency of accidents among hospital housekeepers, describe behaviors pre- and post-accident, and risk factors.

Methods: Cross-sectional study with hospital housekeepers in Goiania, Brazil. Data from
Needlestick risk to hospital housekeepers reviewed in this article

Interviews and vaccination records.

Results: Participating workers: 94.3%. Incomplete hepatitis B vaccination: 1 in 3. Accident rate: 26.5%, mostly percutaneous with hypodermic needles, and involved blood from an unknown source. Roughly half occurred during waste management. Upon review, length of service less than five years, completed Hepatitis B vaccination, and had been tested for anti-HBs influenced frequency of accidents.

Conclusions: Improper disposal of waste appears to enhance the risk to hospital housekeepers. All hospital workers should receive continued training with regard to waste management.

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