

MINUTES
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH/CLINICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Members Present: Marie Zeldin (Chair), Robert Adams, Sue Riggsbee, Tina Harris, Heather Morton, Nancy Ferguson, Ann Law, Peter Reinhardt, Stephanie Kidd (EHS liaison)

Members Absent: Enrique Platin, Kathy Moore, Susan Pederson, Mike Proctor

1. Minutes from the August meeting were approved.
2. Kidd reported on workplace safety statistics from 08/25/04 to 11/15/04. The committee discussed the categories and talked about the ones with the highest numbers. The statistics were highest in the cut, puncture, scrape: hand tool category. This category deals with injuries by scalpels, scissors, and other sharps that caused injuries to employees in the Clinic Environment.
Needlestick Safety Prevention Act Report-Law reported on the needlestick source log for YTD 2004. The highest number of employees injured by sharps incidents was physicians and mainly occurring in the surgical units, Emergency Room, and operating rooms.
3. The committee reviewed the revised Occupational Medical Surveillance and Safety Training Requirements for University Employees Located in Healthcare Facilities Policy. The committee suggested changing the chart to not include examples of job specific training in the chart but to add it to a footnote. The committee also suggested that there be a section added to the policy to discuss the proper procedures for fire extinguisher classes. The committee approved the policy with the condition of these changes.
4. The committee reviewed the AED policy for the university. The committee made a few changes to the document, such as items being added to discuss the purchasing and maintaining of the equipment and its supplies. The committee approved the policy with the condition of these changes.
5. The committee reviewed the University Hand washing Campaign. Each committee member was given the hand washing poster and was instructed to ensure that these posters were up in their facilities.
6. The committee was given the new NIOSH Publication 2004-102: Antineoplastic Agents-Occupational Hazards in Hospitals. The committee reviewed the new publication and there was no further discussion.

7. There was no new business to discuss.
8. There was no old business to discuss.
9. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2005 from 1:30-3:00 at Student Health Service, 2nd floor Administration East Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.