

**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER**

**Infection Prevention and Control**

**BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN**

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**SUBJECT: HEPATITIS B VACCINE**

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The Hepatitis B vaccine is available and at no cost to the employee. It is strongly recommended for Category I and II personnel to receive the vaccine. Category III personnel may obtain it by request through Employee Health Services (EHS).

- ! All Healthcare workers at risk for occupational exposure to blood/body fluids must be immune to Hepatitis B, receive the vaccine serum, or sign a declination waiver. Employees requesting hepatitis B vaccination are referred to the laboratory where serological evidence (anti-HBs) will be obtained to determine if immunity by previous exposure has already occurred. After reviewing laboratory results, EHS staff will make a decision on administration of the vaccine. Vaccines will still be provided at a later date upon request after a waiver is signed.
- ! The vaccine is administered by three injections over a 6 month period.
- ! The vaccine is safe and effective. Vaccines used in the United States are made from yeast and cannot be infected with HIV, HBV or other blood pathogens.
- ! If you have not received the vaccine, contact Employee Health Services (ext. 56016).