

## Answers

### HIV Infection and Health Care Workers - Recommended Guidelines

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- Which of the following is not true regarding transmission of HIV from health care worker to patient in health care settings?
  - The transmission risk is very low
  - There have been just over 10 reports worldwide of such occurrence** ✓
  - UK has conducted lookback investigations involving over 10,000 patients with no evidence of transmission found
  - Hong Kong has conducted a lookback in 2012 which did not find positive case
  - None of the above
- Which of the following is not true about the rights of HIV infected health care workers?
  - HIV infected health care workers are generally not required to disclose their HIV status to employers and patients
  - HIV infected health care workers have the right to receive HIV care and treatment
  - HIV infected health care workers have the right to continuing working as health professionals, with job modification as necessary
  - HIV infected health care workers' rights as patients and health care workers should not be hampered as a result of their infection
  - None of the above** ✓
- Which of the following is not true about the Expert Panel on HIV Infection of Health Care Workers (Expert Panel)?
  - It is set up by the Department of Health in 1994
  - It is chaired by a government health official** ✓
  - It assesses referral by the attending doctor of HIV infected health care worker on an anonymous basis
  - It communicates with various professional bodies on the subject of HIV infected health care workers
  - It abides to the principle of confidentiality in its assessment of cases
- Which of the following is not true about duties of HIV infected health care workers?
  - HIV infected health care workers have the duty of care for their patients
  - HIV infected health care workers should seek appropriate care and treatment of their infection
  - HIV infected health care workers should follow the advice of Expert Panel
  - HIV infected health care workers should take every necessary step to avoid transmitting HIV to their patients
  - None of the above** ✓

5. Which of the following is not true regarding infection control in the prevention of HIV transmission in health care settings?
- (a). Adherence to infection control is of prudent importance to prevent transmission of HIV and other blood-borne pathogens in health care setting
  - (b). Standard precautions should be adequate for the prevention
  - (c). Post-exposure management including appropriate chemoprophylaxis constitutes an important component
  - (d). **Forbidding infected health care worker to work is the best approach** ✓
  - (e). None of the above
6. Which of the following is not true for health care workers exercising their obligations to protect patients from contracting HIV during health care?
- (a). Health care workers should seek HIV counseling and testing if they have reason to suspect they may be infected or at risk of infection
  - (b). They can seek HIV testing services that suit their need, e.g. anonymous services
  - (c). It is professionally unethical if they fail to exercise duty of care and put patients at risk
  - (d). **Mandatory HIV testing for all health care workers is desirable** ✓
  - (e). None of the above
7. Which of the following is not a concern in Expert Panel's assessment of case referral?
- (a). Whether the infected health care worker is engaged in exposure prone procedures
  - (b). The compliance of the worker with recommended infection control practices
  - (c). The details of HIV infection, e.g. timing, stage, viral load, treatment
  - (d). Whether there is evidence of exposure risk to past patients
  - (e). **None of the above** ✓
8. Which of the following has been contributing to the prevention of health care related HIV transmission in Hong Kong?
- (a). Operation of an Expert Panel to assess infected health care worker
  - (b). Code of conduct and governance by the health professional bodies
  - (c). Adoption of standard infection control practices in health care institutions
  - (d). Presence of quality HIV testing and treatment services
  - (e). **All of the above** ✓