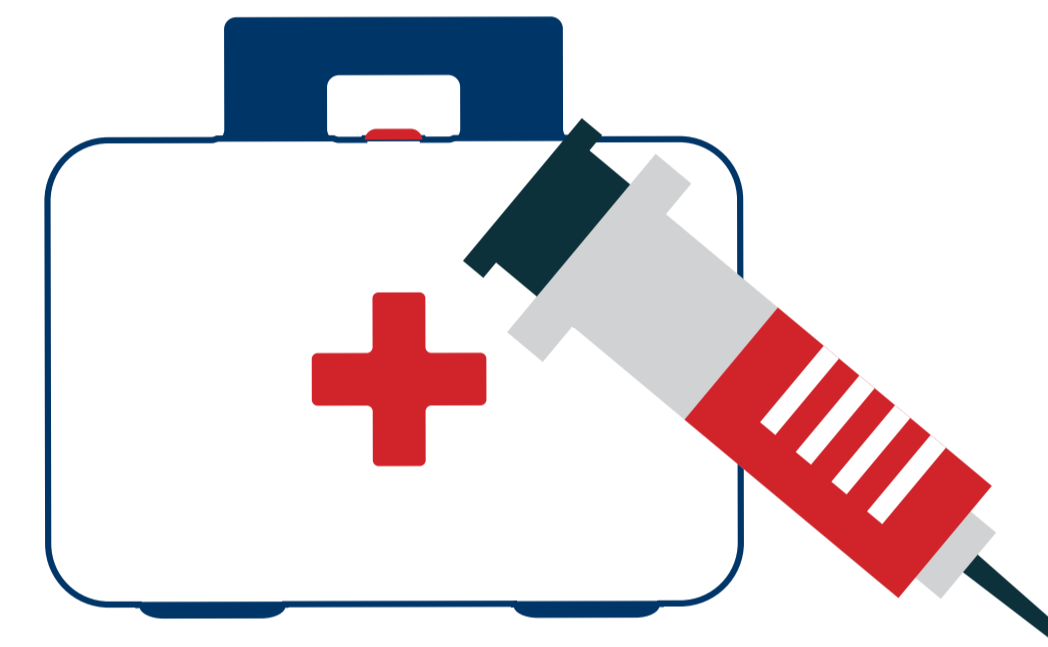


# Standard Precautions

**Always assume that the blood and body fluids of all patients are potential sources of infection**



**Wash hands regularly**



**Use sharps safely  
Report needle stick injuries**



**Use personal protective equipment when handling blood and blood substances, excretions and secretions**



**Keep the environment clean**



**Handle patient care equipment and soiled linen in the correct way**



**Handle waste appropriately**