

# Universal Precautions & Handling Infectious Waste

The following infection control practices include, but are not limited to, those required by the Universal Precautions rule and are used to prevent transmission of bloodborne pathogens to clients and staff:

- Appropriate use of protective barriers such as gloves, masks, surface and equipment covers are used for services having the potential of coming in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
- Non-disposable instruments will be covered by protective coverings that will be disposed of after each client and then cleaned and disinfected. All other surfaces and equipment that doesn't require sterilization will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each client.
- Precautions are taken to prevent injuries caused by needles and other sharp objects by being discarded in a puncture-resistant container.
- Infectious waste is placed in bags and/or containers labeled with the biohazard, impervious to moisture, and of sufficient strength to prevent expulsion. Bags and/or containers of infectious waste are stored in a secure area prior to service and final disposal.

If you are not satisfied with the explanation of universal precautions provided by this facility, you may file an official complaint in writing with the Indiana State Department of Health. Mail or FAX Complaints to:

Indiana State Department of Health: Exposure Control Coordinator  
2 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 FAX: 317.234.2812  
For questions please call: 317.234.2804

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_