Universal Precautions should be followed by ALL personnel at ALL times.

Compliance with universal precautions includes performance of all procedures involving sharps and/or biohazard materials with the following actions undertaken:

1. Everyone must be regarded as potentially infected with blood-borne pathogens.

2. Strict hand washing must be practiced before and after each contact. **HANDS MUST BE WASHED IMMEDIATELY IF THEY ARE CONTAMINATED WITH BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS.**

3. Gloves must be worn:
   a. if soiling with blood or body fluids is anticipated
   b. whenever sharps or biohazard materials are used
   Gloves must not be reused.

4. Gowns must be worn during procedures that are likely to generate splashes of blood or other body fluids and if soiling with blood or body fluids is likely.

5. Masks and protective eyewear (goggles) must be worn during procedures that are likely to generate droplets or splashes of blood or other body fluids, to prevent exposure of mucous membranes of the mouth, nose and eyes.

6. Sharps and disposable articles contaminated with blood or body fluids should be discarded in containers labeled “infectious waste”.

7. Non-disposable articles contaminated with blood or body fluids should be cleaned with an approved disinfectant and autoclaved to sterilize.

8. Blood spills should be cleaned up promptly with a 1:10 bleach-water solution.

9. All specimens must be contained in a leak-proof plastic bag labeled “bio-hazard” for transport.

10. Care will be taken to avoid needle stick injuries. Used needles will not be recapped or bent; they will be placed in an appropriately labeled puncture-resistant needle box.

I have read and received a copy of this “Compliance with Universal Precautions” document, viewed the Biohazards Training education presentation, and agree to follow the guidelines.

Print Name _________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________ Date ___________________