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Subject: Podiatrists with blood borne infections

Consultation draft: - Guidelines for Podiatrists with Blood-Borne Infections.

The Qld Association council would like to have clarification of this consultant draft;
Concerned areas were:

- Mandatory annual blood testing for all podiatrists? Or only surgical podiatrists?
- Mandatory blood testing for podiatrist making *skin to skin* contact?
- Do general podiatrists need to have their blood status checked to annually to give them the all clear? (*responsibility of podiatrist to maintain knowledge of his or her infective status and what podiatric procedures are considered to be exposure prone Page 3*).
- Page three there seems to be a word missing in the Summary- *The guidelines explain the responsibility of podiatrists to maintain knowledge of his or her infective status and what podiatric procedures are considered to be exposure prone Procedures?*
- Page four – **Exposure-prone procedures-**for example, spicules of bone or **teeth**, in body cavities or in poorly visualised or confined body sites, **including the mouth of the patient or client**

Thank you
regards

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