

**Exposure-prone procedures (EPPs)**

Dalhousie, Faculty of Dentistry Definition (May 14, 2019)

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Any student or student applicant infected with HBV, HCV or HIV is restricted from performing EPPs in the **high risk exposure-procedure** category below until their condition is managed as per the Faculty of Dentistry's policies on infectious diseases (**Policy on students & student applicants with infectious diseases** and **Policy for clinical faculty and support staff with infectious diseases**). These risk categories were developed and approved by the Faculty of Dentistry on July 5, 2019. There would be no restrictions from performing procedures in the moderate or low risk categories.

Level of Risk	Type of procedures
<b>High risk exposure-prone procedures</b>	All surgical procedures (hard and soft tissue including suturing)  Periodontal scaling and root planing (significant physical force with hand instruments likely to occur with students)
<b>Moderate risk exposure-prone procedures</b>	Locally anaesthetized operative, prosthetic and endodontic procedures  IV insertion  IM injections
<b>Low risk exposure-prone procedures</b>	Gloved oral examinations  Routine preventive procedures  Pit & fissure sealants  Topical fluoride  Prophylaxis  Diagnostic procedures  Orthodontic procedures  Prosthetic procedures (e.g. dentures)  Cosmetic procedures (e.g. bleaching) not requiring local anaesthesia