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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Manuscript: Cold comfort for health care workers? At what cost is the HIV-testing of a patient after occupational exposure?

We would like to submit the attached manuscript for you to consider for publication in your journal.

This paper discusses the legal and ethical responsibilities of healthcare workers in cases of exposure to HIV with particular reference to the testing of patients without their consent.

This subject keeps coming up during debates on the taking of consent for HIV testing. We hope that through the medium of your journal we shall be able to reach all healthcare workers especially medical practitioners who are constantly faced with the challenge of protection from exposure to blood borne infections and what to do in the case of exposure especially needle-stick injuries.

The manuscript has not been published anywhere nor has it been submitted for publication in any form

Yours sincerely

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