



Medical Payments for UChicago Student Injuries Occurring in Laboratories at UChicago

Who is covered?

UChicago students injured in laboratories during assigned responsibilities. Includes enrolled UChicago graduate and undergraduate degree students.

What is covered?

Out-of-pocket costs for accidents or injuries sustained while in laboratories during assigned responsibilities that result in medical expenses, regardless of fault.

What to do in case of injury involving a UChicago student?

1. CALL

If an emergency or bloodborne pathogen/needle stick, to ensure proper emergency response procedures are triggered (i.e., on-call safety offices and on-call engineers are paged), the student or someone on the student's behalf should immediately call:

- For emergencies: Call 123 (campus phone) or 773.702.8181 (non-campus phone)
- For bloodborne pathogen/needle sticks: Call Hotline at 773.753.1880 pager 9990#

2. GET TREATMENT

Injured UChicago students should go immediately to University Occupational Medicine Clinic (UCOM) or to the Adult Emergency Department (ED) afterhours, even if going to the ED means waiting to be seen. In certain instances, prophylactic treatment is critical in the first hours after exposure. **Students should not go to Student Health Services (SHS) or their primary care physicians, who may not be equipped to handle cases related to injuries in laboratories.**

- For emergencies or emergent care: Adult Emergency Department (ED) at 5656 S. Maryland Ave.
- For non-emergencies/laboratory exposures: University Occupational Medicine Clinic (UCOM) at 5841 S Maryland Ave, Room D-136. Examples of laboratory exposures include, but are not limited to, biological exposures, needle sticks (call hotline first) or animal bite/scratch. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, go to the Adult Emergency Department at 5656 S. Maryland Ave.

IMPORTANT

- In the ED (or DCAM Pharmacy, if applicable), request to be billed and do not make any payments.
- In UCOM, identify self as a student.

3. FILE A REPORT

As soon as reasonably possible, before or after seeking treatment (and AFTER calling the emergency numbers, if required), submit a report via [UChicago Accident & Incident Reporting System \(UCAIR\)](#). Reporting via UCAIR notifies Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) or Office of Research Safety (ORS) of an incident to investigate, track, and enforce compliance if needed. EHS or ORS will initiate root-cause analysis within specified timeframes.

Submitting a timely report of the injury via UCAIR will route resulting medical bills for payment by the Office of Risk Management. It is important that UChicago students identify themselves as UChicago students when submitting via UCAIR.

If a student receives bills for related treatment, they should contact the Office of Risk Management at risk@uchicago.edu.

Any additional questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of Risk Management at risk@uchicago.edu.