



Bacteroides fragilis

(to be carried at all times and presented to medical personnel in the event of exposure)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

The individual carrying this card works in a laboratory with B. fragilis and may have come into contact via accidental parenteral inoculation; direct contact of mucous membranes (or wounds, cuts on skin); or skin penetrating animal bites

Note: This card is intended to be informational and should not substitute for clinical presentation and provider judgment of individual clinical cases.

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MEDICAL ALERT INFORMATION

The person carrying this card has an occupational exposure to B. fragilis. Immediately call Occupational Health at **301.405.3315**

COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Incubation period usually 1-5 days
- Localized abscesses

POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT

- Thoroughly wash any skin wounds with soap and water and/or flush eyes or other affected mucous membranes with water
- Prophylaxis: none
- Treatment of symptomatic case: Metronidazole or a carbapenem (e.g. imipenem) are effective