

## Policy & Procedure (P&P)

### Policy Title:

### Management of Blood and Body Fluid Spills

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Infection Control	ICD - 005	Hospital wide
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### 1. Policy:

- 1.1. All work locations where employees may come into contact with blood or other potentially infectious material must have blood spill biohazard equipment/kits available to safely and effectively clean up any spills.

### 2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To outline steps when cleaning and decontaminating spills of blood or other potentially infectious materials:

### 3. Procedure:

#### 3.1. Control access to area:

Prevent people from walking through affected area and spreading the blood or other potentially infectious material to other areas. Use the signage for wet floor sign

#### 3.2. Contain spill: Use other absorbent granules or absorbent pads to contain the spill.

3.2.1. Put on appropriate PPEs

3.2.2. Use plastic scoop or other mechanical means to remove any broken glass or other sharp objects from the spill area, and dispose into the sharp container

3.2.3. Sprinkle absorbent granules over the spill and leave for two minutes or as per the manufacturer's recommended contact time. Allow the spill to solidify before removing.

3.2.4. Remove the solidified waste material using the scoop and scraper and carefully dispose all contaminated materials into the infectious waste bag.

3.2.5. If there is no available absorbent granules contain the spill by placing absorbent pads (i.e. paper towel) on top of the spill and apply the appropriate disinfectant. To avoid creating aerosols, never spray disinfectant directly onto the spilled material. Instead, gently pour disinfectant on top of paper towels covering the spill or gently flood the affected area, first around the perimeter of the spill, then working slowly toward the spilled material. If sodium hypochlorite solution (5.25% household chlorine bleach) is used, prepare a fresh solution on a daily basis. Leave for the recommended contact time.

3.2.6. Pick up all absorbent material and carefully place in the infectious yellow bag for disposal. Remove PPEs and place in a yellow bag for disposal

3.2.7. Seal the yellow bag.



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3.2.8. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

NOTE: Follow manufacturer's instructions on spill kit

3.2.9. Contact housekeeping to clean the affected area with hospital-approved disinfectant.

### 06. Responsibilities:

Housekeeping staff

### 07. Equipment and forms:

Blood and body fluid spill kit

### 08. Attachments:



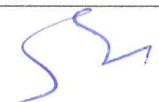


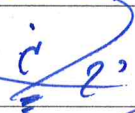

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