

**HARDIN COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL-WIDE POLICY**

Title: Blood or Other Body Fluid Spills
Policy Number: HW 157
Regulation:

Effective Date: 2/12/2012
Med Staff:
Admin:

I. POLICY

All members of the healthcare team will manage spills of blood or other body fluids according to facility procedure.

II. DEFINITIONS

To appropriately contain and disinfect spills of blood or other body fluids.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

All members of the healthcare team.

IV. EQUIPMENT

1. Utility gloves and medical examination gloves.
2. Face protection (eye wear and mask, or full face shield)
3. shoe covers if necessary.
4. Concentrated disinfectant or chlorine bleach.
5. A container for constituting and applying 10% bleach solution or other approved Disinfectant.
6. A dust pan/brush, forceps, tongs, or other mechanical device to pick up sharps or Broken glass.
7. Package of paper towels or other suitable absorbent material.
8. Biohazard bags for the collection of contaminated spill clean-up items.

V. PROCEDURES

INFECTION CONTROL: CATEGORY I

BLOOD SPILL CLEANING PROCEDURE:

Household bleach is used as a standard disinfectant. An alternative disinfectant may be used provided this disinfectant is recognized as effective and used at the appropriate dilution and contact time. The disinfectant is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as tuberculocidal for compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Administration Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.

1. For any spill that results in an exposure incident, personnel will follow facility procedure for exposure incidents.
2. Minimize traffic in the spill area.
3. Don personal protective equipment, including suitable gloves, gown, face shield or goggles, and fluid repellent mask, and shoe covers.
4. Collect any sharp objects with forceps or other mechanical device and place in a sharps container. Do not use your hands for this purpose.

5. Contain and absorb the spill with paper towels or disinfectant soaked paper towels and place in a biohazard bag.
6. Using disinfectant, clean the spill site of all visible blood.
7. Spray the spill site with 10% household bleach and allow to air dry for 15 minutes.
8. After the 15 minute contact time, wipe the area down with disinfectant soaked paper towels.
Discard all disposable materials used to decontaminate the spill into a biohazard bag.
Decontaminate any reusable items with disinfectant.
9. Send contaminated cleaning articles for reprocessing or disposal.
10. Remove and dispose of personal protective equipment.
11. Wash your hands.

REFERENCES

CDC'S RECOMMENDATION FOR DISINFECTION AND STERILIZATION IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/Disinfection_mSterilization/17_00Recommendations.html

OSHA BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN STANDARD

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10051

VI. DOCUMENTATION