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**Statement/ Purpose:**

To provide guidelines for safely handling blood and body fluid spills.

**Authority:**

**Application:**

All SCDPH staff

**Terminology:**

**Responsible Party:**

Training and Quality Improvement Coordinator

**Cross-Reference:**

**Procedure:**

All blood and body fluids are to be handled as if potentially infectious. Gloves must be worn while handling blood, body fluids, secretions and excretions.

Feces, urine, emesis, blood wound irrigation and suction collection of body secretions may be emptied into a toilet. The hand washing sink must never be used for the disposal of these fluids. Other potentially infectious fluid materials must be handled as regulated medical waste.

Blood spills must be cleaned up immediately. Care should be taken not to splash or aerosolize the blood. In the event of a blood/body fluid spill, staff will utilize the multi-purpose clean up kit and follow manufacturer's guidelines.

If the multipurpose kit is not available, do the following: While wearing gloves, clean up the blood spill with paper towels. Dispose of the bloody towels in red bags marked with biohazard label, or a regulated medical waste container. If there are glass shards, syringes or needles involved with the blood, use an absorbent for all the blood, pick up everything with a broom and dustpan, and dispose in a regulated medical waste container.

After the area has been cleaned of free fluid, use paper towels to wipe down the area with an approved disinfectant. Use the same procedure for serum or other potentially infectious fluid materials.

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In the event that a small blood spill occurs while obtaining a blood specimen the nurse will:

- Wipe area using disinfecting towelette, obtained in the multi-purpose clean up kit
- Dispose of soiled material in plastic bag
- Remove gloves
- Wash hands with anti-bacterial soap or solution