



## Policy

**TITLE:** Blood and Body Fluid Spills

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**APPROVER(S):** Dean of Medical Education, OCS Head of School

**NUMBER:** Reference # OCS 8640.2

### I. Purpose

To provide Ochsner Clinical School students guidelines for environmental cleaning following a blood or body fluid spill.

### II. Scope

Students and Employees in any clinical area, using Standard Precautions will initiate immediate spill containment for blood and body fluid spills using the current absorbent product.

### III. Policy Statements

#### A. Initial Discovery:

1. Any student or employee discovering a significant blood / body fluid spill is responsible for the following (significant = a pool of blood or body fluid the size of a person's foot):
  - a. Assemble necessary equipment, supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE –gloves) from the Spill Kit. Avoid contact with blood if hands or lower arms have open cuts or untreated wounds.
  - b. Following Standard Precautions - Put on gloves (non-sterile or utility).
  - c. Tear off one Over- The Spill pad and place over spill. Use additional pads to cover spill if needed.
  - d. Allow the Over- The Spill pad to absorb the blood / body fluid.
  - e. REMOVE GLOVES AND WASH HANDS.
  - f. **Hospital:** Call Environment Service Supervisor.
  - g. **Main Campus N.O. Clinic:** During regular operational hours: Call Environmental Services Supervisor
  - h. **Elmwood:** During day shift: Call Environmental Services
  - i. Evening & Night Shifts: Follow Environmental Services cleaning protocol.
  - j. **Satellite / Neighborhood Clinics** – Follow Environmental Services cleaning protocol.

#### B. Environmental Services Cleaning Protocol:

1. Following Standard Precautions assemble necessary equipment, supplies and personal protective equipment.

2. Put on gloves (non-sterile or utility).
3. Remove contaminated Over-The Spill pad and disposed into Red Bag Trash. Any contaminated linen is to be placed in a clear linen bag and placed in designated area for transport to the laundry.
4. Gently spray the area to avoid aerosolization, with approved disinfectant or a freshly mixed solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. Allow spray to sit according to manufacturer's recommendations; Allow bleach to sit for 10 minutes.
5. Wipe area with paper towels. Repeat as necessary until spill area is clean.
6. Discard the paper towels into Red Bag Trash.
7. Tie the Red Bag closed. If the outside of the bag becomes contaminated, place it inside a second clean Red Bag.
8. Place the Red Bag in the appropriate area for pick up.
9. Remove gloves.
10. WASH HANDS

#### **IV. Enforcement**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in progressive discipline up to and including termination of employment for employees or termination of contract or service for third-party personnel, students or volunteers.

#### **V. References**

Blood and Body Fluid Spills Policy 8640-2  
Handwashing Policy 8640 – 1