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PURPOSE:

To outline a Policy that clearly defines procedures in the case of a hazardous materials spill and informs staff of the procedures to follow.

POLICY:

Hazardous Materials present in ODCHC facilities represent a significant source of infectious hazard and exposure risk to staff and patients.

Hazardous materials can include but are not limited to the following:

- Blood
- Body fluids that contain blood
- Body fluids where it is difficult to differentiate between body fluids
- Semen
- Vaginal secretions
- Fluid from around an unborn baby
- Fluid from spine, lungs, or joints
- Body tissue
- Chemicals used in the Lab
- Cleaning chemicals

In the event that a hazardous material spill occurs, staff should follow proper procedures for cleanup.

For minor chemical spills (less than 300cc (10 oz. or soda can), except Phenol):

- Alert people in the immediate area of the spill
- Avoid breathing vapors
- Use proper PPE (gloves, eye protection, spill apron)
- Use appropriate material to neutralize spill material (consult manufacturers label or SDS)
- Place material in appropriate container, label and dispose as chemical waste
- Phenol spills less than 50cc (1.5 ounces) are considered small

For major chemical spills (greater than 300cc (10 oz. or soda can), except Phenol):

- Alert people in the area to evacuate
- Do not enter the contaminated area
- Contact Emergency Services call 911
- Close doors to spill area
- Wait for Emergency Services to respond and assist when asked
- Phenol spills greater than 50 cc (1.5 ounces) are considered major

For blood or Body Fluids

- Refer to the Exposure Control Plan

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- Use PPE (gloves, eye protection, fluid resistant gown/apron)
- Use paper towels to absorb the spill
- Once spill is absorbed discard paper towels in red biohazard bag
- Spray or wipe area with hospital grade disinfectant and allow contact for 10 minutes
- Wipe dry with paper towels and discard in red biohazardous bag
- Wash hands

The Administrator or Chief Operations Officer should be notified of any spill larger than 300cc or a Phenol spill greater than 50 cc.

Consolidated Situation Reports should be completed for hazardous materials spills larger than 300cc, or larger than 50cc for Phenol.

REFERENCES:

Wake Forest School of Medicine, Hazardous Materials Spill Procedures, 09-2017
Mendocino Community Health Clinics, Hazardous Spills, 2013
OSH, Preparing Spill Response, Jul. 2003

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

ODCHC Exposure Control Plan
ODCHC Emergency Operations Plan

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