

## **Title: Cleaning of Blood-Soiled Areas**

**STATEMENT:** It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (GMDC) ambulatory clinics to establish a procedure for cleaning blood-soiled areas.

**SCOPE:** This policy applies to all GMDC Ambulatory clinics operated through its schools.

**PROCEDURE:** Areas soiled with blood should be cleaned immediately using the following steps: 1. Put on disposable gloves.

2. Soak up the spill with disposable towels.

3. Place drippable or saturated material with, 100cc or more of blood/body fluids, into a red bag.

4. Clean area with an EPA approved cleaner or bleach/water solution (1part bleach [sodium hypochlorite greater than

5.25%] to 10 parts water) - allow cleaner to remain on surface 1-3 min, dry with paper towels. 5. Place all disposable towels etc. into red bag.

6. Remove gloves and place into red bag.

7. Place secure red bag in designated area/container.

8. Wash hands with soap and water, see Hand Hygiene policy.