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**PROCEDURE SUBJECT:**

General Spill / Biological Spill Clean Up

**PURPOSE:**

To provide effective guidelines for all spill clean ups.

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- All staff are responsible for immediately cleaning up spills with the exception of antineoplastic and chemical spills.
- Housekeeping will respond to request for secondary clean up of general spills and biomedical spills, i.e. human blood or body fluid waste.
- Universal precautions will be followed for clean up of all spills.
- Pharmacy and Cancer Care departments are responsible for the clean up of antineoplastic spills. Housekeeping will perform the secondary clean up and disinfection.
- Physical Plant staff will provide leadership in clean up of all chemical spills. They have been fit tested with masks to deal with chemical spills. Housekeeping staff will perform secondary clean up and disinfection.
- Always refer to Safety Data Sheet (SDS) binders for additional information.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to Safety Data Sheet (SDS). If there is a possibility of splashing, wear a gown and facial protection (mask and eye protection or face shield).
2. Place the Wet Floor sign at the spill site immediately.
3. Prepare equipment required to clean up the spill.

4. Inspect the area around the spill thoroughly for splatters or splashes.
5. Restrict the activity around the spill until the area has been cleaned and disinfected and is completely dry.
6. Confine and contain the spill; clean by wiping up the spill / blood or bodily fluid spills by immediately using either mop or pail; disposable towels or a product designed for this purpose, i.e. Megasorb can be used to instantly bind, absorb, deodorize and cover vomit, blood and incontinence accidents.
7. Dispose of disposable towels or binding product into a regular waste receptacle. If the soiled materials are saturated and dripping with blood, they must be put into a biomedical waste bag (i.e. yellow bag).
8. Clean spill area after gross soil has been removed. Disinfect the entire spill area with a hospital grade disinfectant and allow it to stand for the amount of time recommended by the manufacturer.
9. Clean and store all equipment in the appropriate area.
10. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.