



# Blood Spillage Procedure

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## 1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for the management of the spillage of blood or body fluids by West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) staff members.

## 2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all clinical staff throughout West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB).

## 3. Definitions

There are no definitions associated with this Procedure.

## 4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure:

**Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control** is required to:

- oversee all aspects of this Procedure
- monitor the performance of WCDHB staff members in relation to this Procedure;

**Staff Members** are required to:

- ensure they abide by the requirements of this Procedure;
- abide by all WCDHB Infection Control Policy and Procedures;
- abide by all WCDHB Health and Safety Policy and Procedure.

## 5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| i) Detergent            | v) Gloves           |
| ii) Paper towel         | vi) Apron           |
| iii) Forceps            | vii) Safety Glasses |
| iv) Yellow rubbish bags | viii) Presept       |

## 6. Process

- 1.00 Staff are to wear disposable gloves, an apron (and glasses if necessary).
- 1.01 Clean major content of spill with disposable towels.
- 1.02 Use detergent, cold water and disposable towels to clean up the rest of the spill.
- 1.03 Disinfect the area with PRESEPT, and soak area for 10 minutes using bleach soaked paper towels.
- 1.04 Using gloves, dispose of towels into rubbish container for incineration. Ensure area is dry to prevent falls.



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- 1.05 If the spill is on carpet that is not compatible to a bleach preparation, a detergent and water solution can be used. Contact ISS and have carpet steam clean as soon as possible ensuring the carpet is left to dry thoroughly before being walked on. For large spills a commercial cleaner may be needed to deal with it.
- 1.06 Broken glass and sharps must be picked up using forceps or some other tool that can be sterilized or discarded. Always wear gloves when dealing with broken items.
- 1.07 Dispose of gloves, towels etc into a yellow rubbish bag for incineration.
- 1.08 Wash hands thoroughly.

### 7. Precautions And Considerations

- ➔ Clean major content of spill with disposable towels.
- ➔ Use detergent, cold water and disposable towels to clean up the rest of the spill.
- ➔ If the spill is on carpet that is not compatible to a bleach preparation, Contact ISS to have carpet steam cleaned.

### 8. References

- New Zealand Standard – Infection Control (NZS 8142:2008)
- Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings 2007 - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbqp/pdf/isolation2007.pdf>
- Infection Control Guidelines: Commonwealth Australia: 2004
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### 9. Related Documents

WCDHB Infection Control Procedure Manual

WCDHB Health and Safety Policy and Procedure Manual

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