Title: Cleaning of Blood-Soiled Areas  
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POLICY STATEMENT:
It is the policy of the TTUHSC to establish a procedure for cleaning blood-soiled areas.

SCOPE:
This policy applies to all TTUHSC 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 Ambulatory Clinic Policy 7.03, Hand Hygiene.

CERTIFICATION:
This policy was approved by the Deans for the Schools of Medicine and Nursing December 2011.