Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to provide a guide for employees regarding notification of housekeeping in the event of a need for cleaning that is outside the normal cleaning schedule.

Scope:

This policy applies to all TTUHSC Ambulatory Clinics operated by its Schools.

Procedure:

1. Clinics will notify housekeeping when the loss of blood or body fluids exceeds the nursing staff’s ability to contain and clean the spill. Nursing leader will make the decision to contact housekeeping for additional assistance in cleaning the blood or body fluid spill.

2. The room or area should be closed until housekeeping has completed the cleaning process. This can be accomplished by placing a “closed” sign on the door.

3. Housekeeping should clean the contaminated room or area with an approved EPA disinfectant as outlined in the housekeeping manual. If the housekeeping manager is concerned about the cleaning procedures for cleaning a specific spill he/she will contact his/her supervisor for assistance and direction.

4. If the walls and surface are contaminated with blood or bodily fluids, a terminal cleaning of the room will be required.

5. After housekeeping has completed the cleaning process, the nursing leader will be notified and will inspect the area. If no additional cleaning is needed, the “closed” sign will be removed.

Certification

This policy was approved by the Council of Deans on November 3, 2011.