UNC SPARC Special Pathogen Unit (SPU) Standard Operating Procedure



Special Pathogens Response Center (SPARC) SOP: Special Pathogen Spill Clean-up	
Subject	This SOP describes the process for safely cleaning up spills from a patient with a special pathogen.
Responsibility	All Staff working in the Special Pathogens Unit (SPU) are responsible for understanding and conducting the procedures described in this SOP.
Supplies	 Absorbent material (e.g., chux, towels) Grabber EPA-registered disinfectant wipes active against non-enveloped viruses from EPA List L or List Q Super Sani Cloth (purple top wipes) – wet time is 2 minutes Bleach wipe (orange top wipes) – wet time is 4 minutes Bucket for spill clean-up when not in the patient's room Red biohazard bags Special pathogen PPE
Procedure	 Spills should be managed by the SPU team while wearing special pathogen PPE. Isolate the area of the spill Place chux around the spill to step on Use chux or a towel to remove bulk spill material. Discard in red biohazard trash. If outside the patient's room (i.e., the spill happens in the hallway during transport), use the grabber to place all soiled material in a bucket for disposal once in the patient's room. Follow the Waste Management SOP for direction Use an EPA-registered disinfectant to clean the area using the specified contact times above.
References	Procedures for Safe Handling and Management of Ebola-Associated Waste - CDC
Related Policies	Waste Management SOP
Responsible	UNC SPARC Program Manager UNC SPARC Medical Director