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Special Pathogen Unit (SPU)
Standard Operating Procedure

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Special Pathogens Response Center (SPARC) SOP: Handling Liquid Waste	
Subject	This procedure will define a process for the safe handling of human liquid waste from a patient with a special pathogen that is classified as producing Category A waste. Human liquid waste includes blood, urine, vomit, feces and other potentially infectious material (OPIM).
Responsibility	All staff working in the Special Pathogens Unit (SPU) are responsible for understanding and conducting procedures described in this SOP.
Supplies	• Solidifying agent • • Red biohazard bags • Bedside commode, urinal, and/or bedpan
Procedure	All human waste will be handled in the patient's room and handled by the staff wearing special pathogen PPE. If using a bedside commode, place a biohazard bag over the commode, with the seat on top of the bag to hold it in place. Place the solidifying agent into the commode after the patient has completed their toileting. • Wrap the biohazard bag over on itself and put in the biohazard trashcan in the patient's room. If a urinal specimen collection pan (hat) is used, place a solidifying agent in the pan and discard the pan and its contents into a red bag biohazard trash bag. If a urinal is used, put solidifying agent into the urinal and discard the urinal and its contents into a red bag biohazard trash bag. All portable waste containers should be discarded in a red biohazard trash bag.
References	[Procedures for Safe Handling and Management of Ebola-Associated Waste | Cleaning and Disinfecting | Clinicians | Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease) | CDC](#) OWASA Wastewater Discharge Permit
Related Policies	Waste Management SOP
Responsible	SPARC Medical Director SPARC Program Manager