

Special Pathogens Response Center (SPARC) SOP: Special Pathogen Cleaning and Disinfection	
Subject	This SOP describes the process of cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in the room of 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	- EPA Registered Disinfectant from EPA List L or List Q - Super Sani-Cloth Wipes (purple top) or bleach wipes (orange top) - Swiffer - PPE required for the care of a patient with a special pathogen
Procedure	Daily Cleaning and Disinfection - Immediately disinfect any surfaces contaminated with blood, urine, feces, vomit, or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) with a disinfectant wipe. - Disinfection with a purple top wipe – allow the surface to remain wet for 2 minutes. - Disinfection with a bleach wipe – allow the surface to remain wet for 4 minutes. - Wipe high-touch surfaces (e.g., bed rails, doorknobs, faucet handles, etc...) after a procedure or at a minimum of twice per shift - Disinfect the floors of the patient room once per 24-hour period with a Swiffer and a purple top or bleach wipe. - All wipes should be discarded immediately after use in red bag trash. Disinfecting Equipment Leaving the Patient's Room - Anything leaving the patient's room must be thoroughly disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant wipe listed above. - Wipe all surfaces of the equipment thoroughly, including wheels. - Disinfect the equipment again after it has left the room and store in the storage area in the SPU. - For EMS equipment (e.g., stretcher, monitor), EMS may return the equipment to the ambulance - If the patient is a suspect patient the equipment should be sequestered until the patient's status is known - If the patient has a known special pathogen follow the Ambulance Decontamination SOP
References	1. OSHA Fact Sheet. Cleaning and decontamination of Ebola on Surfaces: Guidance for workers and employees in non-healthcare/non-

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Related Policies	Environmental Services Policy Ambulance Decontamination SOP
Responsible	UNC SPARC Program Manager UNC SPARC Medical Director