Procedure G-2: Cleaning of Bodily Fluid Spills

I. Work Surfaces

A. Decontamination

Clinic work surfaces shall be decontaminated with disinfectant after a spill of blood or other body fluids before beginning cleanup.

1. Staff shall wear gloves and use paper towels to clean up the body fluid spill.
2. Contaminated paper towels shall be disposed of properly. *See Procedure G-4: Disposing of Biohazardous Material*
3. If necessary, the area should be scrubbed with soap and water and then rinsed with clean water. Dirty water should be disposed of in the toilet.

B. Clean up

1. The spill area shall be sprayed with disinfectant. Wipe the area to distribute the disinfectant evenly and allow to air dry. Clean and disinfect any non-disposable items such as pails, scrub brushes, faucet handles, etc. that have been in contact with blood and body fluids.
2. Discard gloves and any paper towels properly. *See Procedure G-4: Disposing of Biohazardous Material*.
3. Hand washing with soap and water shall be performed after removing the gloves.
4. Broken glassware, which may be contaminated, shall be picked up using mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs or forceps, *not directly with hands*.