



Department of Facilities POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: LABORATORY HOOD DECONTAMINATION

POLICY:

Before any maintenance, service, or repair work is performed on a biological safety cabinet, by a Facilities Division employee or an outside vendor, the unit must first be disinfected. This is to prevent the service employee from being exposed to any infectious agent that may be present in the filters or elsewhere in the unit. Proper personal protective equipment must be worn. Proper personal protective equipment must also be worn when any work is performed on laboratory chemical hoods.

Disinfections of these units is not necessary and not recommended as carcinogens may adversely react with disinfectants. For hoods used in the preparation of antineoplastic agents, the Safety Officer shall determine what protective equipment is required and whether an industrial hygienist, or other qualified individual, should be consulted.

PURPOSE:

To ensure all Laboratory hoods are properly disinfected prior to ANY service or maintenance is performed on them.

PROCEDURE:

The hood is to be properly disinfected as per any Regulatory compliance and The Joint Commission, prior to ANY service or maintenance. Maintenance of Department of Pathology safety cabinets/laboratory hoods is performed by outside vendor per service contract. When any cabinet/hood maintenance is required; the Department of Pathology primarily uses this contracted service.

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