Policy name: Neutralizer use for spills of glutaraldehyde, OPA, and formalin  
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Definitions:

Policy:

PURPOSE: To provide for the safe clean-up of spills from use of Cidex, Cidex Plus, Cidex OPA, or formalin (glutaraldehyde, OPA, and formaldehyde).

POLICY:

1) All staff members who work in High Level Disinfection (HLD) or with formalin will use appropriate measures to safely clean up spills.

2) Personnel will wear appropriate PPE, as required for use of high level disinfectant. This includes nitrile gloves, full face protection, and gown.

3) Open one packet (for up to two gallons of 2% glutaraldehyde or one gallon of 10% formalin) of Tissue-Tek® Neutralex® neutralizer (or other, as approved). Sprinkle powder over spill.

4) Remove all personnel from immediate area around spill.

5) Wait 15 minutes to ensure neutralization is complete.

6) Wipe up with paper towels or other absorbent.

7) Dispose of waste in non-regulated trash or down drain.

8) Ensure a replacement packet of neutralizer is on hand or order replacement packet.