

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.