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KASC Standard Precautions for Personnel

KADLEC AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

POLICY:

Personnel should be aware not all diseases can be clearly diagnosed and that employees may be carriers of disease before actually showing signs or symptoms of the disease. Although not an everyday occurrence, employees may be involved in a situation at work where they may come in contact with the blood or body fluids of others.

PROCEDURE:

1. Consider all blood or body fluid from any person as potentially infectious. Wear gloves when in contact with blood or body fluids.
2. Avoid contact with blood or body fluids into an open area of your skin or into your mouth, nose and eyes. If this occurs, wash the skin area immediately with soap and water or flush your mouth, nose, and/or eyes liberally with water.
3. Avoid entering specific rooms of the facility or clinic where you may come in contact with blood or body fluids. If this is not possible, be sure to check with the patient care staff as to the type of protective equipment to wear, if necessary.
4. If you find unsecured needles, scalpels, or other sharp instruments potentially used on patients, notify patient care staff and assist with the disposal of the item per their instructions.
5. Report needle sticks, sharps injuries, or other blood/body fluid exposures to your supervisor and Employee Health Services immediately.
6. Hand washing is essential after using the toilet, after completing work, after patient contact, and before and after eating.
7. Personnel should stay in their designated areas as much as possible. If personnel must go in patient areas, they should wash their hands before returning to their area.
8. Personnel should report clustering of illness or outbreaks related to their employment. **The appearance of similar symptoms in more than 3 individuals will be investigated for a common source of infection.**
9. Infections among employees are reported through records of employee absences due to illness.

Attachments

No Attachments

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