

Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health



Trauma Scene Cleaning Information

After surveying Trauma Scene Practitioners (TSP) and seeking assistance from the health care community the following information was developed to communicate information regarding proper cleaning techniques and employee protection for those involved in trauma scene clean ups. The sources listed in the "Trauma Scene Cleaning Information" Table, although not exhaustive, will provide the TSP criteria to follow in performing cleaning tasks. Reference to these sources will allow them to communicate the bases for their actions and decisions. Clients of TSP may find the information helpful as guidance to understand what their TSP is telling them or to develop questions to assist in understanding how to choose a TSP. This information should also assist clients in deciding whether their TSP performed the job satisfactorily.

With regards to cleaning and infection control, a trauma scene poses the same situations as are routinely found in operating rooms, emergency rooms, response scenes requiring emergency medical technicians, or any number of patient care areas. Therefore rules and guidelines used by the health care community should be used as references for trauma scene practitioners.

Infection control and cleaning information listed in the following rules, guidelines and publications should include information/criteria necessary to assure proper techniques are followed for trauma scene clean-up. This list is not all inclusive, others sources may also be useful, but it is anticipated that the listing would be a representation of what is available for use. It is understood that trauma scenes take on a variety of sites and special situations that differ from the specific applications in the health care settings addressed in the references.

It is expected that the TSP and other interested parties should be able to focus on the infection control and cleaning criteria as they apply to their specific situation.

Agency or Association	Rule/guideline/ Information
Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN)	Periop Mastery 2.0: Environmental Cleaning (Online Education) https://www.aorn.org/education/education-for-individuals/webinars/2
Association of	AORN http://www.aorn.org APIC Guideline for Selection and Use of Disinfectants as
Professionals in Infection Control (APIC)	printed in AJIC (American Journal of Infection Control) Vol. 24, No. 4, pp. 313- 342, August 1996 http://www.ajicjournal.org/article/S0196-6553(96)90066-8/pdf
	 Infection Control and Epidemiology: Chapters 107, Environmental Services; 112, Maintenance and Engineering; 113, Infectious Waste.
	3. APIC http://www.apic.org
The Joint Commission	Infection Prevention and Control Issues in the Environment of Care https://store.jcrinc.com/infection-prevention-and-control-issues-in-the-environment-of-care-5th-edition/
	The Joint Commission https://www.jointcommission.org
California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Medical Waste Management Program	 Medical Waste Management Act Sections 117670; 117680; 117690(a), 117690(b)(6); 117705(d); 117760; 117776; 117778;118321, 118321.1, 118321.4,118321.5, 118321. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/CDPH%20 Document%20Library/EMB/MedicalWaste/MedicalWasteMan agementAct.pdf
DHS Licensing and Certification	Title 22 California Code of Regulations Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 7 § 70739 (Infection Control Program Requirement) https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs
U.S. Centers for Disease Control	1. CDC http://www.cdc.gov/
Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration (IICRC)	1. <u>IICRC</u> http://www.iicrc.org