

Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure

Title: CLEANING OF PATIENT CARE AREAS	Policy Number: EP 7.26
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Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) to clean patient care areas and medical equipment using evidence based infection control practices.

Scope and Distribution:

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC El Paso ambulatory clinics.

Procedure:

1. Exam tables, chair tops, door knobs, and pediatric scales should be cleaned after each patient use with an approved solution registered as an EPA approved product. (Please check with the Office of Infection Control to identify which solutions may have been adopted at that location for use.)
*NOTE: Housekeeping staff will wipe down countertops in exam rooms and sweep and mop floors. However, items on the countertops or on floors will not be moved by housekeeping personnel.
2. Medical equipment used in direct contact with patients should be cleaned after each use per manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Medical lamps, overhead procedure lights and all other equipment in patient exam rooms should be wiped down with an approved EPA solution, at least weekly.
4. If cleaning is needed under exam tables, behind heavy equipment or the like, special arrangements must be made with facilities ahead of time.
5. Cleaning solutions that have been transferred into a different container (highly discouraged) should be clearly labeled with product name, manufacturer's expiration date, and initialed.

References

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020, 04 21). *Environmental Cleaning Procedures*. Retrieved from Healthcare-associated infections: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/resource-limited/cleaning-procedures.html>

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