



Policy Title
Environmental Exposure

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LCME Standards

12.8 – Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students, faculty, staff, and visiting students.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of USC School of Medicine Greenville to maintain a safe environment for patients, students, faculty and staff.

Reason for Policy

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe environment and provide for the well-being of patients, students, faculty, and staff. LCME expects that a medical school has policies in place that effectively address medical students' exposure to infectious and environmental hazards.

Procedures

All USC School of Medicine Greenville students follow the requirements and procedures outlined in the Prisma Health Policy: Hazardous Medication Spill Management when in all educational and clinical environments. The anatomy lab and designated lab space in the Institute for Oncology Translational Research (ITOR) belong to USC SOMG. USC SOMG medical students are trained in laboratory procedures through the anatomy course introduction. Students conducting research with Prisma Health participate in annual computerized training (ACT).

Prevention

All students that encounter hazardous materials receive appropriate education on the potential for exposure, procedures for minimizing risk and spill reporting. Disclosure of the potential of exposure to hazardous materials is made to all students. All students who encounter hazardous materials receive appropriate instruction on personal protective equipment (PPE).

Procedures for Care and Treatment following a Spill or Exposure:

All hazardous spills must be reported by calling the Environmental Compliance Coordinator at (864) 797-6520. Signage procedures to report incidents are available in the anatomy laboratory and USC SOMG lab space in

ITOR.

Effects of environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

The School of Medicine provides reasonable accommodations to any student acquiring an environmental disease or disability through the USC Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC).

Sanctions

Failure or refusal to cooperate with this policy results in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Additional Contacts

- Office for Student Affairs
- Office for Medical Education
- Prisma Health–Upstate Employer Health & Wellness Department

Related Information

- USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook
- Prisma Health–Upstate: Hazardous Medication Spill Management
- Prisma Health–Upstate: Occupational Health and Safety
- Prisma Health –Upstate: Biohazardous Materials & Waste Management Plan
- Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA)

History

| Date of Change | Change |
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| August 2025 | Removed policy numbers, updated policy name, confirmed signage in USC SOMG spaces & delineated USC SOMG space. Detailed training for lab at SOMG & Prisma research. |
| June 2025 | Updated stronger language |
| July 2024 | Updates to branding and titles; formal approval not required. |
| April 2021 | Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI |