



Policy Title

Environmental Exposure

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LCME Standards

12.8 – Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

Scope

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

Policy Statement

It is the policy of UofSC 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 student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards.

Procedures

All UofSC School of Medicine Greenville students must follow the requirements and procedures as outlined in the Prisma Health Policy: Hazardous Medication Spill Management (S-050-213) when in all educational environments.

Prevention

All students that may come in contact with hazardous materials shall receive appropriate education on the potential for exposure, procedure for minimizing risk and spill reporting. Disclosure of the potential of exposure to hazardous materials shall be made to all students. All students who may come in contact with hazardous materials shall receive appropriate instruction on personal protective equipment (PPE) and have indicated readily available for use.

Procedures for Care and Treatment following a Spill or Exposure :

All hazardous spills shall be reported by calling the Environmental Compliance Coordinator at (864)797-6520. Signage on procedures to report incidents are available in laboratory settings as appropriate.

Effects of environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

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

Sanctions

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

Additional Contacts

Office for Student Affairs and Admissions

Office for Academic Affairs

Prisma Health–Upstate Employee Health & Wellness

Related Information

UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook

Prisma Health–Upstate: Hazardous Medication Spill Management (S-050-213)

Prisma Health–Upstate: Occupational Health and Safety (S-090-05)

Prisma Health –Upstate: Hazardous Materials & Waste Management Plan

Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA)

History

Date of Change	Change
April 2021	Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI