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HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Precautions in handling body fluids and/or blood products.

Some procedures listed in this Clinical Work Instruction manual involve circumstances where exposure to body fluids or blood products is likely, e.g. manual airway clearance, control of external bleeding etc.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, STRICT ADHERENCE TO STANDARD INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS *MUST* BE CARRIED OUT TO ELIMINATE CONTAMINATION.

Such precautions may include, but not be limited to:

- Protective gloves
- safety glasses
- Disposable overalls
- disposable face mask

Please refer to your Service Policy and Procedures manual regarding specific precautions in minimising the risks of contamination.