

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

██████ requested technical assistance in searching for hospital decontamination standard operating procedures (SOP).

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE team reviewed existing Topic Collections for hospital decontamination SOPs and other related materials; namely, the [Hospital Victim Decontamination Topic Collection](#). We also searched for other resources online for additional resources. Section I includes a couple sample SOPs. Section II provides additional guidance and other related materials.

Although not directly related to your request, you may also be interested in the [Pre-Hospital Victim Decontamination Topic Collection](#).

I. Hospital Decontamination SOPs

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (SHFT). (2015). [Standard Operating Procedure for Self-Presenting Patients HAZMAT/CBRN](#).

This SOP provides SHFT management and other staff with guidance on their responsibilities for the decontamination and treatment of persons who may self-present or attend sites within SHFT following exposure to hazardous materials, or suspected exposure, to chemicals, biological agents, or radioactive material. It also provides guidance on how staff should protect themselves, the site and other members of staff, other patients, and the public from exposure or cross-contamination from these substances.

Stephen F. Austin State University. (n.d.). [Decontamination: Standard Operating Procedure](#). (Accessed 9/5/2017.)

This SOP was developed for Stephen F. Austin State University and should be followed in the event of an emergency in which a victim or equipment requires decontamination due to a chemical, biological, or radioactive release or spill.

II. Related Hospital Decontamination Guidance and Other Resources

California Emergency Medical Services Authority. (2005). [Patient Decontamination Recommendations for Hospitals](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

This document provides recommendations for protecting staff and managing patients during events involving a hazardous material. The document also includes decision trees and algorithms as well as equipment recommendations for specific hazards.

Department of Health (Victoria, Canada). (2007). [Decontamination Guidance for Hospitals](#). Department of Health and Human Services.

This guide features diagrams, tables, antidote suggestions, and templates that can be tailored by medical facilities when preparing for patient, responder, and facility decontamination.

Georgia Hospital Decontamination Workgroup. (2014). [Georgia Hospital Decontamination Program Guidance](#). Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition.

This planning guidance was developed to assist Georgia hospital emergency departments in developing and/or maintaining a standardized hospital-wide decontamination program which is compliant with federal requirements for worker health and safety.

Harvard School of Public Health. (2014). [Hospital Decontamination Self-Assessment Tool](#). Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health -Office of Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management.

This tool can help hospitals assess their preparedness for a decontamination event. The authors include chapters on preparedness, response, and recovery, and provide planning and team matrices in the appendices.

Hennepin County Medical Center. (n.d.). [Hazardous Materials Exposure Guide: A Step-by-Step Medical Response Guide](#). (Accessed 9/5/2017.)

This quick-reference cardset is intended for use by pre-hospital and hospital personnel and groups the exposure by class rather than agent (corrosives, asphyxiants, cholinergics) for easier initial assessment and treatment.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment. (n.d.) [\(Facility Name\) Emergency Operations Plan, Annex D: Hazardous Material Incident \(Code Orange\)](#). (Accessed 9/5/2017.)

This template should be used as a hazardous materials incident base plan to be modified to meet individual facility needs. The purpose of this Annex is to establish emergency procedures for response to any hazardous material spill/release of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) event(s) and unknown materials affecting the facility.

National Association of County and City Health Officials Advanced Practice. (n.d.). [Hospital Emergency Operations Plan: Appendix N – Patient Decontamination Plan and Personal Protective Equipment Template](#). (Accessed 9/5/2017.) Domestic Preparedness.

This document, developed as part of the National Association of County and City Health Officials Advanced Practice Centers program, is a hospital decontamination plan template designed to be modifiable by any facility. Spaces for customization are noted in red throughout the document.

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Continuum Health Partners Center for Bioterrorism Preparedness and Planning). (2006). [Hospital Decontamination of Exposed Casualties Policy and Procedure Draft](#). Domestic Preparedness.

This hospital decontamination plan template was prepared for the City of New York. It includes considerations for various hazardous materials, decision algorithms, and job action sheets.