Venipuncture - Use of Non-Clinical Space for Research Involving Blood Drawing

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Background:

The goal of the Institutional Review Board is to ensure the safety of all subjects and research investigators. In order for non-clinical areas to be used to draw blood, the Board requires the following safeguards:

Q: What is the procedure for venipuncture in a non-clinical site?

1. Subjects must be seated in a chair or lying on a bed so that, in case of nausea, syncope, or seizure, they can be safely attended.
2. There must be a sink with running water for hand washing or the ability to cleanse hands with hibistat. Gloves must be worn, and all universal precautions must be followed.
3. Sharps boxes and red bags for disposal of biologically hazardous materials must be used and then properly closed for disposal.
4. For spill clean up, a 1:5 solution of chlorine bleach and paper towels must be available.
5. A telephone must be readily available for calling a code. Outside the Health Center, you have to call 911.

All Principal Investigators conducting venipunctures in non-clinical sites should obtain a copy of the Policy and Procedure for Venipuncture from Infection Control.