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Procedure Approval Authority:

Puerto Rico Clinical and Translational Research Consortium

Procedure Title: Transport of Samples

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I. Overview/Procedure Description:

Guaranteeing the security and the welfare of the participants, personnel and visitors after taking participants samples, according to the established federal and institutional regulations.

II. Area(s) of Responsibility:

PRCTRC Personnel, investigators, collaborators.

III. Procedure Details:

The personnel of PRCTRC, or any another person appointed for this function, will discard in an adequate way the materials that have being utilized to obtain participant's samples once the procedure is finalized. Every material contaminated with body fluids will be discarded in red bags lettered with the symbol of "Biohazard". If the material is sharp, staff must discard it in an approved container for sharp objects. Staff must leave the work area clean and in order. The personnel will place samples in plastic bags with the symbol of "Biohazard", that contain absorbent material (in the event that a spill occurs), and secure it according to the containers instructions. Personnel will avoid running while transporting samples to their final destination. While many of the collection tubes and other materials are made of plastic, some (for example, slides) are made of crystal. In case of an accident, the Laboratory Supervisor must be notified immediately so that the pertinent actions are taken. Staff will also assure that samples are transported in an adequate temperature, as required by the study protocol.

IV. References:

Reference information about the Biosafety manual (Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical laboratories/BMBL), found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) webpage

V. Help Page:

<http://committees.rcm.upr.edu/>