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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure that no personnel is exposed to health hazards from working with formaline.

2. Responsibility

Head of unit is responsible for securing a safe working environment at the unit. All personnel are responsible for working in accordance with the relevant procedures.

3. Definition

Formaline: a water solution of formaldehyde. Formaldehyde is an organic compound with the formula CH_2O . Formaldehyde is highly toxic to all animals, regardless of method of intake. Formaldehyde can be toxic, allergenic and carcinogenic.

4. General rules

- Formaline containers are stored in a designated cabinet in the operation room.
- Always use a safety cabinet when working with formaline.
- Use gloves in safety class EN 374-3, P2-mask, disposable lab coat and hair net.
- Cover working areas with plastic coated bench paper.
- Put any leftover formaline in a clearly labeled container, close it and store it inside the safety cabinet. When the container is full, contact the facility staff for disposal.
- Wash working areas with soap and water.
- Put gloves, lab coats and other waste material in a yellow container.
- Wash your hands.

5. Accidents

- If formaline is spilled on your skin, flush with plenty of water. Report the incident in NTNUs system for HSE accidents and contact head of unit.
- If you spill on surfaces or equipment, wipe with paper tissue, then wash with soap and water. Inform head of unit.
- If eye contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water and get medical attention. Necessary equipment is available in the surgery room. Report the incident in NTNUs system for HSE accidents and contact head of unit.