

Contaminated Drug Box Procedure

University of Virginia Prehospital Program

Procedures for cleaning rescue squad drug boxes that are contaminated with VRE, GRE, and MRSA.

1. Two providers will be needed. First provider holds clean basin (obtain from ED staff). Be sure that clean basin is not placed on any contaminated surface. Second provider wears gloves and empties all drugs in plastic bags into clean basin. All drugs that are not in plastic bags will be discarded into Contaminated Materials Boxes.
2. Empty drug box, along with contaminated surfaces in ambulance, will be sprayed with Sanimaster III and left wet for 10 minutes. Don't forget bottom of drug box. Drug box and ambulance surfaces can be dried after 10 minutes.
3. Rewrite ambulance report form on a clean form. ADD: "Drug box has been decontaminated. Drugs not in plastic bags have been placed in CMC box and drugs in plastic bags have been returned in clean basin."

If narcotics were not in plastic bags or have been contaminated, waste the drugs in the presence of the shift manager and have shift manager sign as witness.

4. Bring clean drug box, rewritten call sheet (signed by M.D.) and basin of clean drugs to pharmacy for drug box exchange.