

University of New Mexico
Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences

Policy on the Prevention of AIDS and Other Contagious Diseases

The following are adopted as policy for all students and faculty providing any services within the UNM Speech and Hearing Sciences Department and should be adhered to in the provision of services within and outside of the clinic facility. These precautions are designed to protect the client as well as the clinician and are simply common sense measures in the prevention of contagious diseases being passed from individual to individual.

1. While no documented cases of transmission of AIDS have occurred as a result of urine, feces, saliva or cerumen, there is the possibility of the presence of blood in these substances. Therefore, students are to glove under the following conditions:
 - a. While conducting an oral mechanism examination if there will be direct contact with any oral structure or saliva.
 - b. While diapering clients.
 - c. While providing direct assistance during toileting.
 - d. Prior to assisting a client who has been injured and blood is present.
 - e. Prior to assisting a client who has vomited.
2. Used tongue depressors, straws, cotton swabs and other disposable items are to be thrown directly into the trash can and are not to be laid on the tables or other surfaces.
3. All oral motor stimulation toys are to be cleaned immediately following use with a 1:10 dilution of bleach. Such toys are not to be shared between clinician and client or between clients.
4. Any blood, urine, or other body fluid spills are to be wiped up with 1:10 dilution of bleach.