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Friday, April 19th 1-4pm Koch Lobby

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Lab-Specific Biosafety Training for 20.109

Why do we start with **safety**?

- This lab space contains a number of chemical and biological hazards
- Risk of **injury** and infection for anyone work in or visiting the lab space
- Risk of producing and releasing environmentally dangerous material
- Improper use and containment of hazards can also contaminate lab stock material and ongoing experiments

Hazards are categorized by biosafety level



- Biosafety level always posted at the door of the lab
- A combination of:
 - lab practice / technique
 - safety equipment
 - facility design
- Based on concept of "containment"
- For protection of:
 - personnel
 - lab
 - environment



What does BL2 mean?

- Suitable for work involving agents that pose moderate hazards to personnel and the environment.
- Organisms associated with disease that is rarely serious and often treatable

Why are we BL2?

- Work with human derived material including established and primary human cell lines/culture.
- Viral Vectors: lentiviral vector, Adenoviral vector

What factors determine your risk when working in a BL2 space?

- Infectivity
- Pathogenicity
- Availability of prophylaxis
 - Before exposure (e.g. vaccination)
 - After exposure but before infection (e.g. antibiotics, antivirals)
- Your health status
 - Consult with MIT Occupational Heath or your personal physician about your research activities

Routes of exposure and transmissibility



Minimizing exposure when working with BL2 materials

Standard Microbiological Procedures

- Restrict or limit access to space
- Wear PPE
- Wash your hands!
- Disinfect containers and surfaces





Prohibited activities

- Eating (chewing gum)
- Drinking
- Smoking / vaping
- Applying cosmetics, i.e. lip balm
- Handling contact lenses
- Avoid touching face or biting your nails

No food or drink can be stored in the lab

- In bag in cubby is fine
- Not at bench
- Must eat and drink outside the lab door







Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

DO wear:

- Lab coat
- Gloves





DO NOT wear:

- Skirts/shorts without additional leg coverings
- Open-toed shoes



PPE should remain in the research area

- Lab coats should be left in the lab when leaving the room
 - To an auxiliary space to use equipment
 - To go to the TC room
- **Gloves** should not be worn when touching:
 - Phones
 - Door handles
 - Elevator buttons
- Use the "One glove rule" when carrying samples outside the lab

Carry samples in a secondary container



Safe disposal of hazardous materials in the lab

Disposing of biohazardous waste

- Researcher has responsibility for management of research material from "cradle to grave"
- Types of biological waste:
 - Liquids
 - Solids
 - Sharps

Liquid biological waste collection

- Liquid biological waste (cell media) can be aspirated into a collection flask using a vacuum pump
- These are for biological waste only

 Chemical waste is collected in jugs and disposed of separately

- A = primary collection flask with disinfectant
- B = overflow flask with disinfectant
- C = hydrophobic or HEPA filter
- D = to vacuum pump

Neutralizing liquid biological waste

- Instructors perform this task- notify us if the waste level is high
- Use chemical disinfectant
 - Clorox bleach (1:10 final volume)
 - Let sit for at least twenty minutes
 - Pour down the drain and flush with water
- Because aspirator waste is mixed with a reactive chemical and disposed down the drain, it is important not to mix in chemical waste

Solid biohazard waste

- Solid biohazard waste should be collected at the bench in biowaste transfer containers
- This includes:
 - Tubes (conical and microcentrifuge)
 - Serological pipets
 - Pipet tips
 - ALL GLOVES
- At the end of lab, transfer the contents of the transfer container to the burn – box at the front of the room

Biowaste Transfer Container

Sharps disposal

- Anything that can puncture or cut the skin
 - Pasteur pipettes
 - Glass vials, slides
 - Glass culture tubes
- Dispose of biological sharps in red sharps bins at bench or in hood
- Dispose of chemical sharps in clear sharps bins (provided when needed)
- Notify instructors when bins are full

What if something goes wrong?

What if you are exposed to a biological hazard?

- If direct contact to your face or skin or if stuck by a needle or sharp
 - Immediately, wash the area with soap and water for 10-15 minutes
 - If it's in your eyes, nose or mouth, flush with water for 15 minutes
 - Tell the Instructors or TA immediately
- Go to the Medical Department (E23)
- Instructor must submit an incident report

Cleaning up biohazardous spills

- Alert instructors, put on appropriate PPE, gather spill kit and appropriate equipment
 - Remove any broken glass or sharps
 - Cover the spill with paper towels
 - Disinfect the spill: Saturate paper towels with disinfectant, let sit for 20 minutes
 - Clean up the spill and dispose of spill materials in bio box
 - Repeat steps 2-5 as needed

Emergencies

- MIT Alert http://emergency.mit.edu/mitalert/
- 617-253-1212 (fire/ injury/ police 24/7)
- Dial 100 from lab phone
- Use emergency response guide posted in the lab

