

Policy: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner when in the Skills Lab. Certain rules are in place for student safety as well as the preservation of lab resources.

Procedure:

Safety

1. Students should wear closed-toe shoes when in the lab for class or for practice. Sharps are handled routinely and closed-toe shoes decrease the risk of an accidental needle-stick.
2. Sharps are to be placed in sharps boxes after use. No re-capping or re-using needles or IV catheters. Sharps boxes are mounted at every bedside and placed on the medication carts.
3. Hand washing should be a part of practice in the lab as well as in the clinical facilities. Alcohol based hand sanitizers are mounted at each bedside and sinks are located at the ends of each lab.
4. Children are not allowed in the lab during open lab hours.

Resource Preservation

1. Students should not use ink pens at the bedsides. Ink permanently stains the manikins. Please use pencil or only write at the tables at the end of the bed.
2. Providone Iodine (betadine) will also permanently stain the manikins. Do not use any providone iodine products that might come in any of the lab practice kits.
3. No eating or drinking in the labs.
4. Students should bring their lab packs to the lab each time they come for class or open lab. There is a minimal amount of supplies and equipment normally found in a lab pack at the back of each lab for student use. Please return this for the next student to use.
5. There are frequently tables, carts and beds set up for future scheduled lab class. They will be marked accordingly. Please do not take anything from these areas. If you need additional supplies please ask the lab staff.
6. Leave the lab in the condition you found it. Place all the chairs back at the tables, pull the curtains back to the wall, make the bed and return all supplies to the area you found them.
7. Manikins should be treated like people. Transfer a manikin as you would a live person, not by pulling on arms, legs or the head. If you need assistance in transferring a manikin, please ask lab personnel for help.
8. Manikins have IV bags of red colored fluids attached to them for use with IV/Central line skills. Remember to gather all of these bags when moving the manikins around in bed or when transferring them to chairs, other beds or stretchers.
9. No equipment or supplies can be taken out of the skills lab.