**Handling Processor Chemicals**

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**A) Policy Statement**

To establish a general policy for the handling of radiology processor chemicals. There must be in place protocol for the handling of processor chemicals in a safe manner.

**B) Purpose of Policy**

To protect UTMC employees and contracted workers against possible contamination and/or hazards, while pouring any chemicals used in the Radiology Department.

**C) Procedure**

1. Protective clothing (i.e. yellow gowns, sleeves, gloves and goggles) will be provided by UTMC and located in the diagnostic section of the department's chemistry holding area. Eye wash facilities must be available and near all processors.

2. It is the responsibility of the UTMC employee while pouring chemicals to dress in the appropriate and provided attire.

3. The personal protective equipment listed above shall be maintained in good condition and replaced/replenished as necessary. It shall be readily available to employees for their use. The technologists are responsible for its periodic inspection and cleaning or replacement.

4. All individuals using this protective gear shall remove the equipment prior to leaving the work area and place it in the designated areas listed in #1.

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