

**TISSUE CULTURE ROOM POLICY**  
**(Amended, January 2002 &**  
**Approved in Faculty meeting)**

- ◆ If you are not familiar with the equipment in the facility, contact the person-in-charge before using the facility.
- ◆ This is a Type 1 level facility **ONLY** (infectious agents not allowed).
- ◆ The facility is for eukaryotic cell culture only i.e. animal, human and plant cultures (**NO bacterial, fungal or virus cultures permitted**).
- ◆ A copy of your biohazard permit **MUST** be posted in the tissue culture room (required by Biosafety committee).
- ◆ Record your name, lab #, the date and time when the tissue culture room is used (facility may be reserved one week in advance).
- ◆ Wash hands when you enter the tissue culture room.
- ◆ Turn the hood on 15 minutes before use and turn it off when you finish.
- ◆ Wipe the equipment and bench/hood surface with 70% ethanol before use. Media bottles, pipette holders etc. should be wiped with ethanol before placing in hood.
- ◆ Always open sterile packs in the hood.
- ◆ Make sure the gas and vacuum is turned off before leaving.
- ◆ No lab coats allowed from **outside** the tissue culture room (if you need to use a lab coat, keep one in BT 1025).
- ◆ No other stuff except what is required for use in the tissue culture room should be brought in the room.
- ◆ If you spill media or culture on the floor, inside the hood or incubators, bleach or wipe with ethanol **immediately**.
- ◆ Each person using the facility should remove the garbage and place it in the garbage bin located outside the room before leaving the facility.

- ◆ Any biohazard stuff (pipettes, tissue culture plates and bottles, tips, syringes etc.) should be immediately brought back to your lab for proper disposal.
- ◆ All sharp needles are to be placed in a container labeled “sharps”.
- ◆ Pasteur pipettes and sharp glass should be placed in a container marked “glass”.
- ◆ In case of problems, troubleshoot and try to fix the problem. If you are unable to troubleshoot, contact the person-in-charge.

**Contact person: Sukhinder Cheema      Tel # 864-3987**