



### *Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure*

Title: <b>CLEANING OF PEDIATRIC TOYS AND EQUIPMENT</b>	Policy Number: <b>EP 7.19</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) to clean toys and diagnostic tools in clinics to prevent the spread of infections.

**Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC El Paso ambulatory clinics.

**Procedure:**

1. Clinic toys and children’s furniture in waiting areas should be cleaned with an EPA approved solution (for maximum contact time) at least twice daily, once in the morning and once at lunch, by clinic staff. More frequent cleaning on a PRN basis to minimize potential for transmission of pathogens is highly encouraged.
2. Clinic toys and other diagnostic or treatment tools (i.e., markers, white boards, pens, etc.) used in patient care areas are to be cleaned with an EPA approved solution in between each patient.
3. No furry/fluffy toys are to be placed in clinic settings.
4. Due to infection control reasons, use of toys in the clinics is strongly discouraged.

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