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POLICY

INFECTION CONTROL, STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION

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INFECTION CONTROL

All employees shall practice infection control techniques as prescribed by BCHC infection control and OSHA policy. In the dental clinic this especially includes:

- Use of universal precautions by employees while in contact with any patient body fluids. This includes the use of gloves, mask and eye protection at all times that contact with patient body fluids.
- Completion of appropriate immunizations as prescribed by BCHC policy.
- All material that is soaked with patient blood- or blood-soaked saliva shall be appropriately disposed of in a biohazard container.

STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION

All instruments that can be sterilized by steam autoclave should be sterilized according to the manufacturer's directions. Those instruments not able to be sterilized by steam autoclave should be placed in an appropriate cold sterilization solution for at least 12 hours.

The ultrasonic cleaner should be used whenever possible to remove gross debris from instruments instead of hand scrubbing.

Instruments shall then be appropriately bagged and autoclaved.

Monitoring of sterilization effectiveness shall be completed weekly and recorded.

All smooth surfaces in the operatories shall be sprayed with an appropriate commercial disinfectant between patients according to the manufacturer's directions.

Disposable barriers shall be utilized when appropriate.

WATERLINE INFECTION CONTROL

In order to decrease the risk of contamination from waterline biofilm or cross contamination between patients from waterlines, the following policy will be followed.

A rubber dam should be used whenever possible for all dental procedures.

All feasible efforts will be made to implement engineering modifications in the dental operatories to decrease the presence and buildup of micro bacterial biofilm in water lines.

Dental hand pieces will be run for 15 to 20 seconds before and after each patient.



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