



HYGIENE

Clinic Floor

- Hygiene volunteers should arrive by 6:15 am or 12:00 pm and be ready to work by 6:45 am or 12:30 pm for shift 1 and 2 respectively.
- Hygienists will need to find a chair quickly. If you did not bring an assistant, please go to the area marked Dental Assistants to find someone to work with.
- A brief training/orientation for the first ½ hour of each shift will be provided by the Lead.
- Please assure all equipment in your area is wiped down between patients and at the end of your shift. Please leave the disinfecting wipe on chair to show that a wipe down has been completed after your shift.
- Assure patient form is complete. Use only **BLUE** ink, see Lead. **Please print neatly and legibly.**
- Assure all sharps and any bio-hazard material are deposited into bio hazard bags and containers. **Do not put other trash in bio hazard bags.**
- Assure all instruments are taken to Sterilization in a covered container. Please make sure no sharps are sent to Sterilization.
- Wear appropriate personal protection equipment either provided by NM MOM or your own equipment such as safety glasses, face masks, gloves and disposable gowns, where appropriate.

Patient treatment and cleaning of area should take approximately 1 hour per patient. Please attempt to see 6 patients per shift.

Supplies

- General supplies will be placed on each table for 4 chairs to share. These supplies will be stocked throughout the event.
- A cardboard boat will be provided with the materials for each patient. These boats will be sitting in your department supply area.
- Other special items may be obtained in Central Supply or in your department supply area.

Instruments

- Instrument packs for each patient will be ready for pick up at Sterilization for Hygiene.

Process

- Once you have treated the patient, raise the **red** card prior to cleaning your station for the Patient Escort to come and get your current patient. When you are ready for another patient,

please raise the green card. If you have questions or need assistance, please raise the yellow card.

- In the cleaning process, please use the patient material boat to place all dirty instruments for return to Sterilization, in a closed container.
- Please have the assistant take all dirty instruments to Sterilization after each patient. Place all sharps in red bins. Sterilization will also come by to collect dirty items every 30 to 45 minutes.
- **Please make sure that you clean the HIVAC system per the instructions on the card by the table.**
 - **Do not allow patient to form a lip seal on the saliva ejector or HIVAC.**
 - **Before turning off HIVAC, remove it from the patient's mouth, point it at the ceiling, then turn it off.**
 - **After each patient, obtain pre-mixed line cleaner solution and pull one cup through the saliva ejector and one cup through the HIVAC.**
- The pre-mixed line cleaner solution can be found in 5 gallon containers throughout the clinic floor.

Hygiene – Dental Protocol

Procedures performed

- Adult and child prophylaxis
- Debridement
- Sealants
- Fluoride varnish

(Dental Hygienist may use anesthesia if licensed to do so and comfortable with it.)

Procedures not performed

- Deep scaling
- Root planing
- Curettage
- Gross debridements after molar extractions

Patients taking bisphosphonates or anticoagulation meds may have scaling and prophylaxis.

PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE and THANK YOU for participating today.