

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Bloodborne Pathogen Policy

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The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery policy was developed to be consistent with the Institutional Policy for Graduate Medical Education and the University of Michigan Health Systems.

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery has a departmental infection control manual as well as an infection control officer. Patients can be directed to the Infection Control web site at: <http://www.med.umich.edu/i/policies/umh/toc.html> upon request.

Any and all precautions should be taken to prevent a bloodborne pathogen exposure. Appropriate personal protective equipment such as goggles and gloves should be worn during contact with blood or moist body fluids with all patients.

Any exposure to bloodborne pathogens must be reported to Occupational Health Services immediately. This include: needlesticks, cuts and splashes to the nose, mouth, eyes or skin.

Immediately following and exposure to the blood or body fluid of a patient:

- Needlesticks and cuts should be washed with soap and water.

- Splashes to the nose, mouth or skin should be flushed with water.

- Eyes should be irrigated with clean water, saline or sterile irritants for 10 minutes.

Call OHS at 764-8021 24 hours/day. After hours ENTL nurse in the Emergency Department will triage exposures. You will need to provide the source patient's name, registration number, hospital location and phone number where you can be reached.

The employee should never initiate drawing a patient's blood for testing without calling OHS first.

Employee will need to complete a Work-connections form to document the injury.