

## **Hospital Dentistry Blood-borne and Infectious Diseases Policy**

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The General Practice Residency Program policies are established to maintain compliance with the policies and regulations of the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS), American Dental Association (ADA) and the office of Graduate Medical Education (GME).

The Department of Hospital Dentistry clinic follows the University of Michigan policy and procedure regarding blood-borne and infectious diseases, which are compliant with all local, state and federal agencies regulations and reviewed annually by Infection Prevention & Epidemiology. Patients can be directed to the Infection Control web site at: [http://www.med.umich.edu/i/ice/policies/umhhc\\_policies.html](http://www.med.umich.edu/i/ice/policies/umhhc_policies.html) or receive a printed copy of the hospital policy #04-06-002 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.

If an employee experiences a body substance exposure they should immediately do the following:

- For scalpel or needle that pierces the skin, wash the area well with soap and water.
- For exposures to the eye or other mucous membranes, rinse with clear water for 10 minutes.

To report a body substance exposure, Alpha or numeric pager Occupational Health Service 24 hours per day at beeper #5356. During OHS clinic hours, the Occupational Health nurse will return the page. After OHS hours, the page will be answered by appropriate staff in the Emergency Department.

The clinic Safety Manger will receive reports pertaining to all exposure for monitoring of occurrences.

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