

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/Hospital Dentistry
Residency/Fellowship Programs
University of Michigan Health System

Blood-borne Pathogen and Infectious Diseases Policy

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The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/Hospital Dentistry Residency/Fellowship Programs policies are established to maintain compliance with the policies and regulations of the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS), the office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) and American Dental Association (ADA).

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/Hospital Dentistry follows the University of Michigan policy and procedure regarding blood-borne and infectious diseases. These policies and procedures 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 or receive a printed copy of the hospital policy #04-06-002 upon request.

It is the mission of the Department to provide a safe work environment and minimize the risk of workforce exposure to bloodborne pathogens. The Department will make all precautions to:

- Identify personnel who might be at risk of exposure and identify exposed personnel,
- Reduce or eliminate potential exposure by the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), labeling and housekeeping,
 1. PPE includes gown, gloves, N-95 mask, goggles and face shield,
 2. Appropriate PPE must be worn during contact with blood or moist body fluids during patient contact
- Ensure the use of Standard Precautions is utilized in the treatment of patients,
- Provide information of bloodborne pathogens to patients upon request
- Provide information of bloodborne pathogens to all potentially exposed personnel,
- Provide appropriate support and direction to exposed personnel

Employees must comply with the UMHS policies on Hand Hygiene: <https://michmed-clinical.policystat.com/policy/6415121/latest/>, Infection Control Practices for Hospital Personnel: <https://michmed-clinical.policystat.com/policy/8210337/latest/>, and Regulated Medical Waste Management: <https://michmed-clinical.policystat.com/policy/7496716/latest/>.

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.

All body substance exposure must be reported to OHS. Contact location/phone number: 764-8021; Emergency Exposure Pager: #5356. 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.