



Parish Dental Practice Policy: Management of Blood Spillages

Policy Statement:

Parish Dental is committed to maintaining a safe and hygienic environment. This policy provides guidelines for the effective management and cleaning of blood spillages, minimizing the risk of infection and ensuring the health and safety of both patients and staff.

Objective:

To establish clear procedures for safely dealing with blood spillages, preventing cross-contamination, and protecting against bloodborne pathogens.

Scope:

This policy applies to all staff at Parish Dental, including full-time, part-time, and temporary employees. It covers all areas within the practice where blood spillages may occur.

Procedures:

1. Immediate Response:

- Upon identifying a blood spillage, restrict access to the area to prevent contamination.
- Notify the designated staff member responsible for spillage management.

2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Staff handling blood spillages must wear appropriate PPE, including gloves, masks, eye protection, and aprons.

3. Containment and Cleaning:

- Contain the spillage using absorbent materials (e.g., paper towels).
- Use a registered disinfectant specifically designed for bloodborne pathogens to clean the area. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.
- Dispose of the absorbent materials and any contaminated items in a biohazard waste bag.

4. Disposal of Waste:

- Seal the biohazard waste bag and dispose of it in accordance with the practice's clinical waste disposal procedures.

5. Decontamination:





- Clean and disinfect all tools and equipment that came in contact with the spillage.
- Ensure the decontamination area is thoroughly cleaned afterward.

6. Reporting and Record Keeping:

- Document the incident, including the date, time, location, and details of the spillage and the cleaning process.
- Maintain these records as part of the practice's health and safety documentation.

7. Training:

- Provide regular training for all staff on blood spillage procedures, including the use of PPE and proper cleaning techniques.

8. Review and Update:

- Regularly review and update the policy and procedures to ensure they remain effective and compliant with current health and safety regulations.

Responsibility:

All staff members are responsible for adhering to this policy. The practice manager is responsible for ensuring the implementation, regular training, and review of the policy.

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