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## 02.20 - Oral Surgery Clinic

Purpose	To provide guidelines for those in the Oral Surgery Clinic to foster appropriate infection control.
Audience	All UTMB employees, contract workers, volunteers, and students in the Oral Surgery Clinic
Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand hygiene shall be performed before and after each patient contact and at other times as required (see policy: IC 01.14 Hand Hygiene for All Hospital Healthcare Workers).</li> <li>• Eating and drinking is permitted only in designated areas.</li> <li>• All personnel shall follow the Exposure Control policy outlined specifically for that unit (see policy 01.32).</li> </ul>
Equipment and Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow manufacturer's instructions for use. All disposable materials and instruments shall be patient specific and shall be used only one time. Reusable equipment shall be reprocessed appropriately (see policies 01.05.02, 01.05.04, and 01.05.06).</li> <li>• All handpieces shall be sterilized between patients.</li> <li>• Chairs used for clinic procedures shall be wiped down with an EPA-registered tuberculocidal (hospital-grade) disinfectant between patients. Disposable headrest covers shall be used and changed between each patient.</li> <li>• All dental units are cleaned daily. Vacuum traps, hose attachments, and stands are cleaned daily with an EPA-registered tuberculocidal (hospital-grade) disinfectant.</li> <li>• Walls that are visibly soiled with blood or body fluids shall be spot cleaned with an EPA-registered tuberculocidal (hospital-grade) disinfectant.</li> <li>• Mirrors and lights in the dental unit shall be cleaned between patients.</li> <li>• Overhead light handles shall have a protective covering which shall be changed between patients.</li> <li>• Traffic through the corridors of the oral surgery clinic shall be held to a minimum. Visitors in the treatment area may be restricted by the Oral Surgery Clinic personnel.</li> </ul>
Reference	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <i>Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings: Basic Expectations for Safe Care</i> . Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Dept of Health and Human Services; October 2016.