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BMP Dental #5

TITLE: Sharps

Regulatory Citation: 6 NYCRR Part 360 & 364 and 10 NYCRR Part 70

Applicability: Waste generated by the Dental program which are classified as Sharps under the Regulated Medical Wastes including disposable needles, broken glass, etc.

Purpose: Proper handling and disposal of Sharps.

Person or

Department Responsible: Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant

Schedule: As needed

Procedures: Whenever a student requests sharps (i.e. needles) from the sterilization supply room, the Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant will also provide a sharps disposal container. The sharps container must be labeled "**Regulated Medical Waste- Sharps**". Once the needle or other sharp instrument is used, the faculty/student will place the sharp into the Sharps container. Once the student is completed with their task, the container will be returned to the dental supply area for storage.

Once the container is full the Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant will place container in the clinic biohazard waste area for pickup by the Custodial Staff. From there it will be transported to the Regulated Medical Waste Storage Area located on the mezzanine level of Brahan (room labeled Bio-hazard). Arrangements for proper disposal using the approved medical waste vendor are covered in BMP #2, Physical Plant Custodial.

Record keeping: medical waste manifest.

Record Location: Physical Plant Office, EPA files

Contact: Dental Hygiene Technical Assistant (629-7405 or 7481)
Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)

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