

NOTICE OF PROGRAM POSITION STATEMENTS FOR FACULTY AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT STAFF

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROCEDURES

Intent:

The need for individuals involved with the direct provision of patient care to be able to provide basic life support procedures is essential in the delivery of health care.

Position:

All faculty and support staff involved with the direct provision / supervision of patient care must be continuously certified in basic life support procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation. They must show proof of current certification either directly by basic life support training documentation or indirectly by an Ohio License to Practice Dental Hygiene which implies that the Ohio State Board of Dentistry rules for initial and renewal of licensing for dental hygienists has been met. Individuals are encouraged to select a comprehensive basic life support course (such as the American Heart Association's health care provider course) to meet this requirement.

RADIATION HYGIENE AND PROTECTION

Intent:

The need for individuals involved with the use of ionizing radiation / equipment to be able to create a safe environment for patients, students, staff, and self and to make appropriate decisions regarding radiography and clinical procedures is essential in the delivery of dental health care.

Position:

All faculty and support staff who are involved with the preclinical radiography instruction and /or direct provision / supervision of patient care must complete the radiation safety training module for the dental hygiene clinic upon initial hiring.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Intent:

All individuals who provide / supervise patient care and/or the laboratory courses in which risk is present must be prepared to manage / assist with the management of emergencies thus ensuring the safest environment possible.

Position:

Faculty and appropriate support staff must be familiar with the laboratory and clinical protocols and the mechanisms to ensure the management of emergencies. They must be prepared to actively direct and/or assist with the management of emergencies.

PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Intent:

All individuals who have access to information pertaining to the health status of individual patients must ensure and value the essential need for patient confidentiality

Position:

Faculty and appropriate support staff must adhere to the mechanisms that ensure patient confidentiality while in the facility and must avoid inappropriate comments / discussion about a patient while away from the facility. Any patient information forms that are adapted for classroom /lab teaching purposes must be rendered anonymous prior to being used.

PATIENT RIGHTS

Intent:

The primacy of care for the patient is well established in the management of the program and clinical facility assuring that the rights of the patient are protected.

Position:

A statement of patient rights is written and is published in the Patient Information Brochure. All faculty and appropriate staff must be familiar with the written statement and must assure that the rights of the patient are protected.

IMMUNIZATION AND/OR TESTING FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Intent:

All individuals who provide patient care or have contact with patients should follow all standards of risk management thus ensuring a safe and healthy environment.

Position:

Faculty and appropriate support staff are encouraged to be immunized against and/or tested for infectious diseases, such as mumps, measles, and rubella prior to contact with patients and/or infectious objects or materials.

Faculty and appropriate support staff must be immunized for hepatitis B and provide documentation thereof, or show proof of waiver by the Ohio State Dental Board prior to contact with patients and/or infectious objects or materials as a condition for employment.