HYGIENE DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL

1. Recommended time per patient:
   a. *20 minutes (Child prophy, fl varnish), (Class I Adult prophy)
   b. *30 minutes for full mouth debridement with cavitron (Class II, III, IV)

2. All patients, except for those with contraindications, should swish with chlorhexidine rinse prior to dental hygiene treatment, this will be done in Patient Education

3. ProRelief, topical Cetacaine and local anesthetic is available.

4. Complete patient treatment form by checking treatment services rendered in designated hygiene box (child prophy, fluoride, adult prophy or full mouth debridement, sealants). Print your full name and chair number on patient treatment form. (No initials).

5. Make sure patient form is complete before they leave your chair. The Hygiene Leads will do the record verification. Patient Ambassadors should take patients to exit interview area when treatment is complete.

6. Only **BLUE** pens should be used on patient forms.

7. Patients are not allowed to walk unattended on the clinic floor. Use your station cards for moving patients or for problems.
   a. **Green** – bring me a patient
   b. **Red** – take the patient to Exit Interview
   c. **Yellow** – need translator
   d. **Orange** – need dental technician
   e. **Purple** – requesting a Nomad X-ray
   f. **White w/ red cross** – EMT needed
   g. **Blue** – help / question

8. You may utilize your own instruments or the AMOM cassettes
   a. Dirty instruments should be brought to sterilization in a container with a lid. **Lids should either be red in color or have the appropriate biohazard label on them.** Providers are not to carry contaminated instruments in their hands across the clinic floor.
b. All dirty instrument bins will be located on the dirty table at the end of each row along with the HVAC cleaner.

c. If using your own instruments, you are responsible for putting your name on a sterilization pouch and putting the pouch with your instruments. A runner will take your instruments to sterilization and bring them back to the Hygiene Supply Table once they have been sterilized.

d. It takes approximately 45 minutes to turn instruments around in sterilization.

e. Broken AMOM instruments should be returned to sterilization and sterilization staff informed of broken instrument.

9. Hygiene Clinic Support will clean and disinfect your workstation between patients.

10. Interpreters are available and wearing RED MOM T-shirts

11. If you stick yourself or are stuck with an instrument, immediately notify the Hygiene Lead who will follow the needle stick/sharp instrument protocol.

12. Please notify the Hygiene Lead and stagger your lunch breaks. While you are on break, another hygienist may move into your chair so patient flow isn’t disrupted.