



PROTOCOL – RESTORATIVE

- It is extremely important that all volunteers are safe and healthy. No running anywhere.
 - All Sharps should be disposed in the appropriate sharps container; Needle-stick prevention devices will be used anytime a syringe is used; The only acceptable technique for capping and uncapping of needles is with a safety device. We will be using Pro-Tector sheaths for every injection. No exceptions!
 - Providers, as well as patients, must wear eye protection during treatment
 - Doctors and Assistants must wear gowns, blue for doctors, yellow for assistants. If you take a break, place your gown on the chair with a “break sign”
 - Anytime you feel weak or sick, or if you feel unsafe, notify me; Waterless hand sanitizer will be available and must be used between each patient.
- Identify Sterilization, Central Supply, EMT, Pharmacy, and Volunteer Hospitality areas and bathrooms.
- **Do not touch treatment record or printed radiographs with gloved hands;** remove your gloves when handling these documents.
- Please remember that, from start to finish, you should spend no longer than 40 minutes per patient. ***One and Done*** is our mission philosophy, so that we can treat as many people as possible.
- Remember, **no pulpotomies or direct pulp caps** are to be done; if an exposure is encountered you must take a PA and consult with me to determine whether the tooth should be extracted or endodontically treated. With all treatment decisions, ask yourself if that treatment will last 5 years without causing the patient pain or infection.
- In order to communicate with the Lead and Co-Lead from your dental unit, please use the station cards if you’re ready for another pt (**Green**); if you have an emergency (**Red**); if you need a translator (**Yellow**); if you have an equipment problem (**Orange**); or if you need a Nomad PA radiograph (**Blue**).
- Handpieces and instruments can be obtained at Central Sterilization and your restorative materials can be picked up at Central Supply, including gowns, gloves, masks and disposables. However, please to DO NOT HOARD instruments or materials.
- Doctors wear blue gowns, Assistants and EFDA’s wear yellow gowns and Hygienists wear pink gowns;



- When the pt's treatment is complete, the doctor accompanies the pt to the Verification Table to confirm the treatment rendered and print and sign their name to the treatment record. Remember to identify each and every procedure, including how many radiographs were taken, each tooth restored and which surfaces were restored, as well as the fluoride application. This is very important! The doctor stays with the pt until the treatment is confirmed and an ambassador is present to accompany the pt to exit interview.
- While this is being done, the assistant will disinfect the working surfaces, including pt chair, instrument tray and handpiece tubing. We use "Dirty Red Tables" where you will take your dirty instruments and waste after dismissing your patient. All waste will be disposed appropriately and instruments will be placed in a plastic closed container and walked over to Sterilization. Also, the assistant needs to get 2-3 ounces of suction line cleaner from the blue cooler located at the head of the table, and flush the suction, as well as run the high speed for 30 seconds. If you are using your own instruments, label the instrument bag before taking them to Sterilization. Your instruments will be logged in and can be picked up on the left side of Sterilization. Amalgam waste and capsules are discarded near the compressor in the back.
- Post-op instructions for patients are available, in both English and Spanish, at the Verification table.
- For you doctors accustomed to working with EFDA's, if there is an empty dental unit adjacent to you, please work with one of our EFDA's in order to see as many pts as possible. If there are no extra chairs, then each doctor works out of one
- As you near the conclusion of this Mission of Mercy session, please return all restorative and disposable materials to Central Supply and leave your operatory as neat as you can.