

Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) Patient Information Sheet

The Infection Control Program here at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene meets or exceeds recommendations (issued to date) by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Dental Association (ADA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogen Standard to minimize cross-contamination and the spread of infection during the course of providing dental hygiene services to patients. This helps protect you and your family and provides a clean, safe environment for all patients.

Universal Precautions are practiced which include the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as disposable masks and gloves, lab gowns, and protective eye wear. According to the concept of Universal Precautions, all human blood and certain human body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, and other bloodborne pathogens.

UCDH Radiograph (X-Ray) Policy Standard Intraoral Radiographs (bitewings or full mouth series/digital or single physical). Included with treatment from a dental hygiene student. Double Pack Physical Radiographs (one set for UCDH, one set for the patient) or Panoramic Radiographs will be charged at the current rate. Please request the current cost from the front desk before going back to the treatment rooms.

When seeing a dental hygiene student at UCDH a free exam is included with treatment. If you are not able to be seen by our on-site clinical dentist during your appointment you may schedule a complimentary exam with Half Price Dental. If you forgo or refuse this exam, it is your responsibility to have another licensed dental professional complete an exam to determine if there are any dental conditions of concern. UCDH will not assume any responsibility for missed diagnoses or dental conditions.

Guidelines for Duplicate Radiographs UCDH will not give original physical radiographs (x-rays) to patients. Only a patient or guardian can request duplicate radiographs. It may take up to seven (7) business days to complete the request. Dentists may prefer to have radiographs of their patients taken in their office.

Digital Radiographs (bitewings or full mouth series): Radiographs may be emailed to the patient **at no cost**. The only identifying information that is sent with them is the date they were exposed.

Physical Radiographs (bitewings, full mouth series, or panoramic): Copies do not have the diagnostic quality or clarity of originals. The patient assumes all risks associated with the potential lack of diagnostic quality. For a single copy of physical radiographs, a clerical fee of **\$50.00** will be assessed and paid prior to the duplication.

UCDH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices. Reasonable accommodation will be made for patients with disabilities to include the medically compromised patient and those with bloodborne diseases such as HBV, HIV, or AIDS. Medical consultation and clearance may be required before treatment in the dental hygiene clinic can be safely initiated. Approval to proceed with treatment on any medically compromised patient must be received from the supervising clinic dentist. You may request a private meeting with the clinic dentist to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. All personal health information will be kept in strict confidence as outlined in the Patient Bill of Rights.

Should a student hygienist or faculty member become **exposed** to a patient's blood, body fluids, or tissues that may lead **to infection**, the exposed individual **and** the patient may require a blood test. If health insurance is not available, UCDH will pay for the testing should it be required.

Utah College of Dental Hygiene reserves the right to refuse any potential (non-accepted) patient, for any reason. Policies are subject to change with notice.