## Medical Emergency Response Plan

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Updates: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| DENTIST | Stays with and care for the patient |
| CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTANT | Retrieves Emergency Equipment |
| OFFICE MANAGER | Calls 911 |
| HYGIENISTS/ DENTAL ASSISTANTS | Keep patients and others away from situation |
| HYGIENISTS/ DENTAL ASSISTANTS/ FRONT DESK | Control doorways for EMS |

**LOCATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:**

1. Emergency Oxygen: Storage Room
2. Emergency Drug Kit: Emergency Drawer in Sterilization Room
3. Automatic External Defibrillator (AED): Emergency Drawer in Sterilization Room

It is recommended that emergency equipment be kept together in one location and that it be checked on a regular basis to ensure it is ready for use at all times. Ready for use means:

* Emergency oxygen has more than 1500 psi in tank and is capable of delivering at least 15 liters per minute (LPM).
* Have an Ambu® bag *(for ventilating non-breathing patients)*
* Have oxygen mask and nasal cannula *(for providing supplemental oxygen to breathing patients)*
* Have assorted size oropharyngeal airways *(to secure an airway for patients WITHOUT a gag reflex)*
* Have assorted size nasopharyngeal airways *(to secure an airway for patients WITH a gag reflex)*
* All medications are currently date AND the dentist is familiar with the indications, contra-indications and methods of use of each drug that is maintained AND there is a suitable delivery system available for each medication (i.e. syringes, alcohol wipes).
* Written protocols for emergency care are within generally acceptable standards
* AED pads are within their expiration date
* AED battery indicates the unit is ready for use

*NOTE: If the practice treats ANY pediatric patients it is essential to maintain Adult and Pediatric equipment*

*NOTE: It is essential that someone manually check every emergency drug to ensure they are within expiration period. Some suppliers of emergency drug kits provided updated drugs. However, it is the dentist’s responsibility to ensure they maintain only currently dated drugs to ensure they practice within an acceptable Standard of Care and to control their liability. The dentist needs to remove expired drugs from service and dispose of them properly.*

***DO NOT RELY ON YOUR SUPPLIER TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF CARE IN YOUR OFFICE.***

***CHECK YOUR DRUGS and CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT OFTEN!***