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Spotlighting special training ...

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Carelessness doesn't bounce; it shatters."

-Hartman Jule

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DECOD Staff Lead with Advanced Radiation Training

While all of our providers, clinic personnel and students are highly trained in safe radiation practices, the clinical staff in the DECOD clinic are the 'gold standard' with advanced training techniques aimed at meeting the unique needs of DECOD patients.

The DECOD program is proudly celebrating 40 years of treating patients with disabilities and has recently expanded their practice by providing expanded **'in house' radiographic services** to their patients. This means better service to patients along with advanced training requirements for personnel.

Supported by new clinic polices, careful exposure monitoring, and specialized training by the both EH &S along with the faculty, the DECOD team are to be considered as the definitive experts at the School

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YEARS



"The clinical staff at DECOD are an essential part of our special care dentistry team that makes access to diagnostic radiographs possible for many of our patients with special health care needs."

-Dr. Kimberly Espinoza Director, DECOD Program & Clinic

in the use of portable radiographic equipment & PPE while supporting patients during radiographs. Way to go DECOD!

Secure Storage for Controlled Drugs

The School's Comprehensive Medication Policy adopted last December ensures the appropriate storage and security of medications located in the UW School of Dentistry Clinics; High security locks used in medical environments were installed in clinic drawers and cabinets last fall. Each clinic with controlled substances has designated personnel with access to the new key safes. Monthly inspections of controlled drug logs by Clinical Services monitor ordering practices and disposal of expired drugs. More information about medication storage & security can be found online at: http://dental.washington.edu/wp-content/media/policies/clinical-policy/Comprehensive_Medication_Policy.pdf

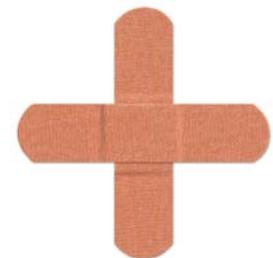


Mary K. Hagstrom from the Center for Comprehensive Oral Research demonstrates a key safe.

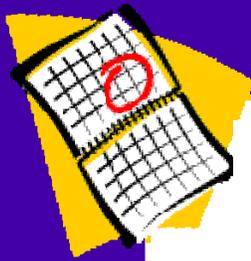
On the Job: Feb. & Mar.

The following incidents were reported during February & March:

- ⇒ There were three injuries while passing instruments
- ⇒ Six pokes/scratches occurred during treatment
- ⇒ One scratch happened during cleanup
- ⇒ One reported needle stick during an injection
- ⇒ One workforce member was scratched on operatory equipment
- ⇒ Do you have a **work practice safety tip** from your clinic you would like to share? Please send tips to sandyp@uw.edu



✓ Mark Your Calendars for H&S Events



- ⇒ **4/29 Worker Memorial Day:** The Workers' Memorial Day ceremony on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Husky Union Bldg. (HUB) 160: Lyceum, UW, Seattle Campus. The event will honor the 89 workers who died from job-related injuries or illnesses in Washington State last year. Thirteen of these fatalities were from King County. UW students, in collaboration with the University of Washington (UW) Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, union leaders, UW Environmental Health and Safety, and the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, will hold a ceremony to raise awareness about strengthening our commitment to safe jobs and healthy lives for Washington workers. The Workers' Memorial Day observance is open to the public.
- ⇒ **6/1 Deadline Reminder:** June 1st is the deadline for new labeling of chemical hazards. The MSDS system is being replaced by the new Global Harmonizing System (GHS). Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets were distributed to each clinic which included graphics of the new pictograms. If you have not yet taken the required GHS training you can train online at: <http://www.ehs.washington.edu/psotrain/corsdesc.shtm>



Thirteen worker fatalities were from King County in 2014.



A Peek Inside your Clinic's New Emergency Kit:

What's bright red and black and has a locking numbered blue security tag? It's the new standardized clinic Emergency kit which was modeled on those in use at the Center for Pediatric Dentistry. The standardized kits were distributed across the School so that students, staff and faculty would be familiar with them regardless of location. Dr. Travis Nelson, Pediatric Dentist, worked with the Office of Clinical Services and Central Purchasing to assemble and distribute 18 new kits which feature printed cards for how to handle each type of emergency and marked pouches to quickly identify medications and contents.

The Office of Clinical Services conducts monthly inspections of the kit's tracking logs to monitor dates and reasons kits are opened by staff for emergency use or restocking purposes and to check for expired drugs in order to meet compliance requirements outlined in the School's Comprehensive Medication Policy.

The Advanced General Dentistry (AGD) Clinic and the Oral Surgery clinic also use a larger "crash cart" with additional emergency supplies. The contents of the red ER tool box kits include:

- ◆ Albuterol Inhaler
- ◆ Baby Aspirin tablets
- ◆ Nitroglycerin tablets
- ◆ Epi-Pen Syringe
- ◆ Benadryl
- ◆ Instaglucoase
- ◆ Ammonia Inhalants
- ◆ Oxygen Mask



Did You Know?

The SOD Coordinated Quality Improvement Program (CQIP) is aimed toward assuring quality care for our patients, but also is focused on assuring patient safety. As a part of the current CQIP training which is presently occurring across the School, topics about how we on an individual level can improve safety conditions (such as infection control to tripping hazards) are discussed. If you have not attended one of the training sessions, check with your department administrator or Kira Robinson kirag@uw.edu for the schedule. Safety is a part of everyone's job!



Want to see the new Emergency Kit up close? To schedule use of our demonstration kit at your next staff or faculty meeting, please contact Kira Robinson at (206) 616-5931

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