



Department: Dental Number: HHS-4117 D

Reviewed: 04/09

Policy: Instrument Replacement

Date: April 1999 Revised: July 2001, July 2007

Approved by:  Date: 4/16/09

**Policy Statement:**

All dental instruments used in the treatment of patients must be examined frequently for wear, corrosion and signs of oxidation.

**Purpose:**

To maintain the highest level of quality instruments in the dental operatories.

**Procedure:**

While cleaning and sterilizing instruments between each use examine them for any signs of discoloration, corrosion, thin or weak blade ends and overall wear. Discard any instrument showing the above signs in the red biohazard containers. Replace with a new sterilized instrument. If a new instrument is not readily available notify the department supervisor so it can be ordered.

*typed 7/17* 