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**BMP Dental #1A**

**TITLE:** Amalgam Traps

**Regulatory Citation:** 6 NYCRR Part 371.1(g)

**Applicability:** Chair traps in Clinic

**Purpose:** Proper recycling of amalgam

**Person or  
Department Responsible:** Dental Hygiene Technician

**Schedule:** As needed

**Procedures:** Each chair in the clinic is equipped with a disposable amalgam trap in the vacuum system to trap amalgam in the unlikely event that a patient's filling is loose and is dislodged during dental hygiene cleaning procedures.

The traps and lines are cleaned after each patient and checked for the presence of any loose amalgam. If amalgam is found, it will be placed in the amalgam waste container in room 153. The lines are flushed with an appropriate line cleanser.

Amalgam traps will not be cleaned under running water, nor will the trapped amalgam be discharged to a sink drain, a sharps container, biohazard bag or regular trash.

Recycling of the amalgam will be done on an annual basis by the Director of Environmental Health & Safety according to Dental Hygiene BMP #1.

**Current vendor:** Safeguard Biomed

**Record keeping:** Certification from the recycler

**Record Location:** EHS environmental files

**Contact:**  
Dental Hygiene Technician (629-7405 or 7481)  
Director of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)

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