Old Dominion University –School of Dental Hygiene
CLINIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

All students and faculty must successfully complete basic life support training for Healthcare Providers, and the certification must be current before they are allowed to participate in clinical courses.

Clinical Emergencies

All students and faculty/staff will be trained in the recognition and management of life threatening situations. A team approach will be utilized. The emergency team consists of three members. The role of each member is defined below:

A. **Team member # 1:** the student operator or person who is with the victim when the emergency is noticed or who first reaches the victim.

   Alert other team members that emergency situation is in progress. Code word for alerting others of an emergency situation is **"Code Red"**. Team member # 1 should say in a voice loud enough for others to hear "code red", but do not scream. Student in the adjacent cubicle should alert the faculty in that section who will get the supervising dentist, responsible for all emergencies.

   Stay with the patient. Do not leave the patient unless you have been instructed to do so by the supervising dentist or emergency medical service (EMS).

   Provide basic life support as indicated.

   Once the doctor arrives, he/she will assume the role of team member # 1 and the student operator will assume the role of team member # 3.

B. **Team member # 2:** the clinic director or the session clinical supervisor.

   Bring the emergency kit (located in sterilization room cabinet 17) and bring oxygen and ambu bag to the site of the emergency,(located in units 1 and 2) and defibrillator (located behind the receptionist area), if necessary.

C. **Team member # 3:** the student operator with whom the emergency originated.

   Assist with basic life support.

   Monitor vital signs.

   If necessary, the supervising dentist or session supervisor will instruct the office manager to call 911; activating EMS

   Assist as needed.
   Keep records.

   Meet rescue team at building entrance.

A record of the emergency must be completed and placed in the client's record