

UNM Division of Dental Hygiene



**Exam Site Information for Candidates
Western Regional Examining Board
(WREB) 2020 WREB Hygiene Examination**

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WREB Dental Hygiene, Local Anesthesia & DEHY Clinical

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1. School Facility and Services

- **Location, Building Access and Hours:** The exam site will be at the University of New Mexico Division of Dental Hygiene, Novitski Hall Building, which is located at 900 Yale Blvd. NE, Albuquerque NM, 87131. The building is located on the S.E. corner of Yale and Tucker (N. of Lomas/E. of University) in the M parking lot. For questions regarding the school, equipment, etc. please contact Marina Sanchez at (505) 272-3868. Building open 6:00am-6:00pm daily for duration of exam.
- **Parking:**
The University of New Mexico will provide parking passes at no charge during the exam. Please acquire your pass from the receptionist on the clinic side. Parking will be free for candidates and their patients. Handicap parking is available in front of the building and may be utilized if you or your patient has a valid handicap sticker. Candidates are asked not to park in spots marked handicapped or metered parking in **(M)** parking lot. All candidates and their patients should enter through the **clinic doors** as marked.
- **Security and Emergency Services:** UNM Campus Police (505) 272-2241 for emergencies dial 911
- **ATM Machine:** Not available
- **Food Services Onsite:** None

2. Preparing for the Hygiene Exam

Patient Screening: Please note that UNM does not have the responsibility of providing examination patients or back-up patients for any candidate. Candidates should not make requests of anyone associated with the college (faculty, administration, or staff) for possible back-up patients, patient information, patient consultation, advice, or patient records relating to any patient being considered for the WREB examination. All questions should be directed to appropriate WREB officials. All candidates may use the clinic at UNM on scheduled screening days to screen patients and use radiographic facilities. The UNM clinic will be available for screening patients **by appointment only**. Screening times for candidates and their patients may be scheduled before the examination begins and are on a first come first served limited basis (please call UNM for details). To schedule a screening appointment please contact the UNM clinic coordinator (Marina) by calling (505) 272-3868. Please note that **the day before the examinations begin the building and campus will be closed to everyone** (including tours) for cleaning and pre-examination set-up, and that after the exams begin (and during the exam) candidates and school personnel will not be allowed to access or pass through restricted WREB design.

Radiographs:

Candidates are **required** to provide x-rays for exam, however, candidates will have access to phosphorous plates and size 2 digital sensors for radiographs (bite wing, periapical, and panoramic) if needed.

Please note however that **no radiographic duplication services will be available** for WREB candidates during the examination. Please make all copies before you arrive at the testing site. If a series of x-rays need to be taken, there is a separate fee/charge of \$15.00 for a single radiograph, a charge of \$35.00 for a Bite Wing series and a charge of \$55.00 for a Full-Mouth Series. UNM only accepts cash (U.S. funds) for all charges/fees related to any service and/or purchase during the examination.

- Candidates using any of the UNM radiographic bays/facilities are required to follow the posted UNM infection control policies and wear proper clinical attire. Please allow up to 25 minutes for radiographs to be processed. Please note that UNM does not have conventional radiographic exposure and developing formats **only phosphorous plates, digital radiographic services will be available for WREB candidates during the examination).**
- **Administration of Local Anesthetic:** A qualified practitioner is available to administer local anesthetic to Candidate Patients during the exam for a fee with this service. Prior arrangements need to be made at least one week prior to the exam by contacting the UNM WREB Coordinator, Natalie Lovato at NALovato@salud.unm.edu.
- **Equipment, Instruments and Expendable Dental Materials:** Refer to the respective WREB Candidate Guide for a list of materials and armamentarium that the Candidate must provide.
 1. **Handpieces will be available for rent with prior arrangements for \$20. Please reach out the UNM WREB Coordinator, Natalie Lovato, one week prior to exam at NALovato@salud.unm.edu**

Handpiece and Prophy Angle Hookups: Slow speed connections in operatory chairs feature a four-hole (screw-on) air connection.



B. Ultrasonic Devices

Sonic/Ultrasonic Devices: WREB allows the use of sonic/ultrasonic devices as an adjunct to calculus removal. UNM's operatories are equipped for hookup of these devices.



All operatories are equipped to operate ultrasonic devices. The air pressure to each operatory chair, and all the handpieces, are factory set at approximately 35 to 50 psi. Please ensure that your handpiece will operate effectively within these parameters.

LIMITATIONS: The two high-speed attachments can be used with **most** sonic scalers. Compatibility is **not guaranteed or ensured** by UNM. UNM utilizes the A-DEC Dental Chairs model 1021 Decade with a Cascade Handpiece Delivery System.

Ultrasonic Scaling Unit Hookup

Please familiarize yourself with the dental chairs and hook-up/connection features outlined in this section of the guide. Please note: Water hook-ups/connections for ultrasonic scaling units are standard A-DEC hook ups (please see the picture below).

1. Ultrasonic units may be available for rent for \$50 with prior arrangements through the UNM WREB Coordinator, Natalie Lovato at least one week prior to examination at NALovato@salud.unm.edu

- **Air/Water Syringe Tips:** disposal
- **Blood Pressure Cuffs and Stethoscopes:** NO blood pressure cuffs or stethoscopes available for Candidate use. You must bring your own.
- **Expendable Materials:**
Expendable dental materials supplied by the school are noted in ***Appendix A***.
- **Sterilization Services:** Not available, candidates can use ultrasonics in ultrasonic room and bag instrument to take with them. **Candidates retaking onsite can have instruments sterilized.**

Preparing for the Local Anesthesia Exam

- **Equipment, Instruments and Expendable Dental Materials:**

Local anesthetic cartridges/carpules and 20% benzocaine topical anesthetic gel is provided free of charge to all candidates. The brands of local anesthetic used/provided by UNM are generic brands that are 1.7 to 1.8 ml standard cartridges with the following concentrations: Lidocaine HCl 2% and Epinephrine 1:100,000, and Mepivacaine HCl 3% without vasoconstrictor. Disposable needlestick protection shields are provided by UNM free of charge.

If you are taking the anesthesia examination UNM does NOT provide locking hemostats, locking pliers, or anesthetic syringes for your examination so please plan accordingly. If you prefer to use a specific type of local anesthetic or topical anesthetic for your exam you are encouraged to bring it. Please refer to the current WREB candidate guide(s) for applicable guidelines.

A. Air/Water Syringe Tips: Are disposable

B. Expendable Materials: Expendable dental materials supplied by the school are noted in *Appendix*

- **Sterilization Services:** Available on request but pick up time will be 24 hours after exam . Candidates retaking onsite will have their instruments sterilized prior to retake clinic entrance.

3. Preparing for the Restorative Exam (Restorative exam not available at UNM)

4. During the Clinical Exam

Dental Operatory Units:

UNM utilizes the A-DEC Dental Chairs model 1021 Decade with a Cascade Handpiece Delivery System.

All operatories are equipped to operate ultrasonic devices. The air pressure to each operatory chair, and all the handpieces, are factory set at approximately 35 to 50 psi. Please ensure that your handpiece will operate effectively within these parameters.

- **Infection Control (Surface Asepsis)**

- A caviwipe container is located at each cubicle bay. The following areas must be disinfected in between patients:

- Operators chair
- Assistants chair
- Patients chair
- Low/ high speed at hand piece receptacles (if applicable)
- House attachments
- Air/water syringe
- All evacuator hoses
- A-dec power switch and water control knobs
- A-dec cart tops, edges and handles
- Dental light handles and switch
- All control switches for patient chairs
- All other operatory counter tops and edges
- Pens and pencils to be used in charting

A. Hazardous Waste Disposal (exam-type specific):

- **Hygiene:** Candidates must place blood/saliva-soaked waste in biohazard bags
- **Local Anesthesia:** Candidates must place blood/saliva-soaked waste in biohazard bags.

B. Sharps Disposal: Sharps containers are in each of the cubicles. **ONLY** needles and end caps may be placed in sharps container.

- **Emergency Medical Equipment:**

All candidates should familiarize themselves with the location of the oxygen/emergency cart (medical emergency kit) and the first aid kit.

During the examination, the emergency cart/first aid kit and the AED are located in the clinic and clearly marked.

In the event of an emergency the procedure is:

- STAY WITH YOUR PATIENT; verbally notify the WREB Floor Assistant, School Coordinator or Chief Examiner of the emergency.
- Make sure someone calls the local 9 -1-1 (notify EMS).

5. Travel and Accommodation Information

- **Airport Information:** Albuquerque International Sunport (505) 244-7700

- **Ground Transportation:** <https://abgsunport.com/getting-around/>

- **Hotel Accommodations:**

A. Hilton	1901 University NE	(505) 884-2500
B. Embassy Suites	1000 Woodward Place NE	(505) 245-7100
C. *Hyatt Regency	330 Tijeras Ave. NW	(505) 842-1234
D. *Ramada Plaza Hotel Midtown	2020 Menaul NE	(505) 884-2511

* Shuttle service to UNM please contact hotel for shuttle availability

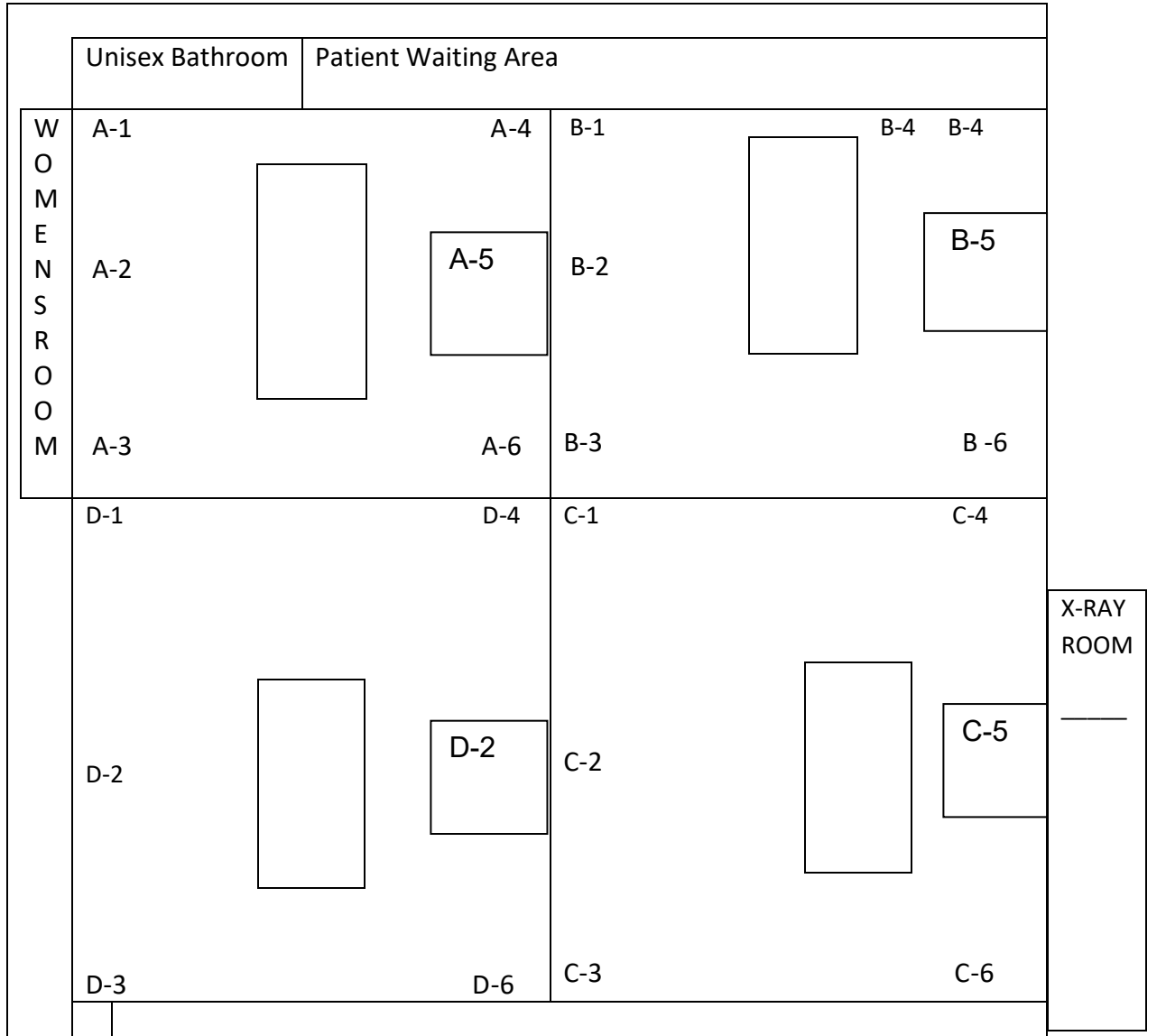
6. Maps

- **Campus Map:** https://fm.unm.edu/assets/documents/campus-maps/visitormapnorth_numeric.pdf

- **Clinic Floor Plan:** For patient waiting area, candidate clinic, areas of emergency equipment (Please see next page)

UNM Dental Hygiene Clinic Map:

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1. **First Aid Kit** (outside dispensary)
2. **Medical Emergency Kit** (inside dispensary in labeled cabinet)
3. **Oxygen Canister** (outside dispensary West Wall)

Expendable Dental Materials Appendices

APPENDIX A – Expendable Dental Hygiene Materials List Provided by Exam Site Host (School) To be provided in sufficient quantities for all Dental Hygiene Candidates		
2x2 gauze squares	Cotton-tip applicators	Patient bib clips, disposable
Air/water syringe tips	Drinking cups	Patient napkins/bibs
Antimicrobial mouthwash	Face masks	Prophy paste
Anesthetic(s)	Facial tissue	Sanitizing materials
• Local anesthetic(s)	Gloves	Soap
• Topical anesthetic(s)	• Gloves, nonlatex (S, M, L, XL)	Standard saliva ejectors
Autoclave bags, small		Surface disinfectant
Autoclave bags, medium	Headrest covers	Tray covers
Autoclave tape	Instrument trays	Trash bags
Barrier covers/tape	Paper towels	

APPENDIX B – Expendable Local Anesthesia Materials List Provided by Exam Site Host (School) To be provided in sufficient quantities for all Local Anesthesia Candidates		
2x2 gauze squares	Cotton-tip applicators	Patient bib clips, disposable
Air/water syringe tips	Drinking cups	Patient napkins/bibs
Antimicrobial mouthwash	Face masks	Sanitizing materials
Anesthetic(s)	Facial tissue	Soap
• Local anesthetic(s)	Gloves	Standard saliva ejectors
• Topical anesthetic(s)	• Gloves, nonlatex (S, M, L, XL)	Surface disinfectant
Autoclave bags, small		Tray covers
Autoclave bags, medium	Headrest covers	Trash bags
Autoclave tape	Instrument trays	
Barrier covers/tape	Paper towels	

PLEASE NOTE: CANDIDATES (AND THEIR PATIENTS) SHOULD NOT ACCESS THE UPSTAIRS ADMINISTRATION AREA OF THE COLLEGE FOR ANY REASON AS THIS AREA IS UTILIZED BY THE WREB EXAMINERS.

We hope that this guide has been helpful and that your examination experience at UNM will be a pleasant one. Good luck on the examination!