Extracted Tooth Collection Protocol

Extracted tooth collection should begin immediately. Please bring any teeth you have collected with you upon arrival to WesternU. You will need a number of teeth for various activities during school beginning soon after you arrive. Teeth will have to go through a sterilization protocol as soon as the term begins, so don't leave them at home!

Collection protocol:

- 1. While using appropriate protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, mask, and gown), cleanse extracted teeth of visible blood and gross debris prior to storage.
- 2. Teeth should be stored in a sodium hypochlorite solution; (household bleach) diluted 1:10 with tap water (that is, one part bleach and nine parts water). Do not permit teeth to dry out.
- 3. The container should be a wide-mouth plastic jar, about 0.5 liter. The container should have an appropriate biohazard label.

If you have any question, please contact:

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