



PROTOCOL – ORAL SURGERY

Our goal is to relieve pain and address the most urgent need(s). Please remember this is not like doing dentistry in your dental office where more options are available to you and the patient has the ability to access a dentist more frequently. This has been kept in mind as they went through triage and routing and when determining what care they will be provided with today. Refer to the priority section of the patient form to find out what treatment and which teeth you will be working on.

1. The patient will be anesthetized before arriving in your chair. Ensure that they are (still) numb before proceeding. Apply additional anesthetic if needed.
2. Panoramic x-rays will arrive with the patient. Review recommended treatment plan and x-rays and modify as necessary.
3. Teeth to be extracted include:
 - a. Visibly non-restorable teeth.
 - b. Painful or infected teeth that do not fit our protocol for endodontic treatment.
 - c. Teeth that would complicate prosthetics fabrication if left in place.
 - d. 3rd molars only if visible on clinical examination and/or carious or causing acute pain.
4. If you have an emergency, there are EMT services on site. Stay with the patient, send your assistant to alert the department head who will immediately radio for an EMT. Either you or your assistant should hold up the EMT station card so the EMT can quickly identify where to go once they have been radioed.
5. Please PRINT on the patient charts – DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS
6. Only BLUE pens should be used on patient charts – NO BLACK ink.
7. Your dental suction units will be equipped with clean water. Maintenance volunteers will be coming through periodically to fill the reservoirs – please give them access.
8. Patients are not allowed to walk unattended on the clinic floor. Use your station cards for moving patients or for problems.
 - a. Green – bring me a patient
 - b. Red – emergency
 - c. Yellow – translator needed
 - d. Orange – equipment problems
 - e. Purple – requesting a Nomad x-ray
 - f. White – TBD



9. **The Dentist WILL take the patient to record verification** and then an Ambassador will escort the patient to the exit interview area when treatment is complete. The escort should obtain the patient record from the practitioner and take that also to the exit interview area.
10. Spanish and other translators are available.
11. If you stick yourself or are stuck with an instrument, immediately notify the department lead who will follow the needle stick/sharp instrument protocol.
12. Please bring your DEA number and your own RX pad for prescription writing purposes. Prescription forms will not be needed for Acetaminophen, Amoxicillin, Clindamycin or Ibuprofen . Those will be indicated on the patient registration form and the patient will receive those free of charge onsite. Any other prescription will be at the patient's expense.
13. Please stagger your lunch breaks. Be sure to let the department head know how long you will be gone, depending on the time someone else may use the chair while you are gone so patient flow isn't disrupted.

STERILIZATION and INSTRUMENTS

- Remove all sharps from the instruments before taking them to sterilization – do not walk on the clinic floor with sharps.
- All instruments will be bagged or wrapped in Sterilization.
- You or your assistant are responsible for making sure that your personal instruments are identified as yours when they go through sterilization. To ensure this, drop your instruments off at the side of the table marked "Used Personal Instruments" and have your name written on the sterilization pouch(es) and leave the pouch(es) on the tray with the instruments. You will pick them up from at the "Clean Personal Instruments" station.
- If you are using AMOM instruments, be sure to take them to the "Used AMOM Instruments" side of sterilization.
- Broken AMOM instruments should be returned to sterilization, do NOT throw them away.
- Suction lines need to be flushed after every patient per the MOM protocol. There is a container with a cleaning solution to be used. Use one small paper cup prior to treating each patient.
- Scrap amalgam and teeth with amalgam shall be placed in the appropriate containers for amalgam disposal.
- Biowaste shall be placed in the appropriate red bio-waste containers. Please do not put non-biowaste in red containers as it adds unnecessary expense to the disposal.