

Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center
Policies and Procedures

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7.8 PROFESSIONAL CARE

POLICY:

The purpose of this dental department policy is to establish professional standards for patient treatment at Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center Dental Clinic. It is applicable to all personnel assigned or attached to Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center Dental.

PROCEDURE:

- The goal of all patient treatment should be to meet or exceed this clinic's established standards of care. (Attachment 1)
- Experimental techniques and procedures of questionable benefit shall not be accomplished on patients.
- The Dental Peer Review Program will monitor and evaluate selected aspects of care periodically.
- Any providers or other staff members may identify potential problems or questionable treatment for further review or evaluation by the Peer Review Program.
- The Dental Director will have ad hoc authority to limit a dental

provider's privileges when the provider is identified as having a high potential or high risk for problem. The Executive Director will be immediately identified when such an event occurs.

STANDARDS OF CARE

(ATTACHMENT 1)

I. General

1. Informed consent will be obtained when procedure involves risk factor of concern.
2. The Daily Treatment Report (DTR) of each patient who is given or prescribed medication for anesthetic will reflect documented methods, quantities and instructions for safe use.
3. All patients seen will have a disposition entered in the DTR consistent with diagnosis and/or treatment.
4. All patients will be treated by providers credentialed to accomplish the procedures performed.
5. A current blood pressure should be recorded for adult patients (at least annually).
6. Documentation will be accomplished by variations from normal treatment expectations and how they were managed.

II. Diagnosis and Treatment Plan

1. All treatment shall be rendered based upon a current treatment plan.
2. Diagnosis and the formulation of each treatment plan will be performed by a dentist.
3. Diagnosis will be supported by appropriate test and procedures.
4. Patients will only have radiographs taken as necessary for diagnosis and planning treatment.

5. Each provider will be familiar with the medical health of patients he/she treats.
6. Diagnosis will be documented in patient dental records, and treatment will be consistent with diagnosis.
7. Treatment will be rendered in a timely manner.

III. Endodontics

All endodontic patients will be referred to an endodontist.

IV. Orthodontics

All orthodontics patients will be referred to an orthodontist.

V. Pediatric Dentistry

1. Pediatric dentistry will be based on currently accepted clinical techniques.
2. Fluoride therapy should be made available to all eligible children
3. An oral health education program will be established.
4. A pit and fissure sealant program will be available for all eligible patients.
5. When primary molars are prematurely lost, parents will be informed of the need for space maintenance.

VI. Periodontal

1. Periodontal therapy will be used on currently accepted clinical techniques.
2. The patient will be given specific plaque control instructions and will be monitored for compliance.
3. A reevaluation should be accomplished following the initial

preparation stage to determine the need for further treatment and/or referral.

4. Surgical perio treatment will be referred to a periodontist.
5. Patients completing either initial preparatory procedures or a surgical phase of treatment will have supportive periodontal therapy established.

VII. Restorative Dentistry

1. All treatment will be based on currently accepted clinical techniques.
2. Whenever necessary, rubber dam isolation of the operating field will be accomplished for direct restorative materials.
3. Planned treatment for posterior endodontically treated teeth will include (whenever possible) complete cuspal coverage.
4. Posterior resin restorations, involving the occlusal surfaces, will be performed only when esthetics or prevention is the overriding consideration. Centric stops will be maintained on sound tooth structure of the tooth being restored.

VIII. Surgery

1. All surgery patients will be referred to an oral surgeon.