

PEDIATRIC PROTOCOL

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)Nomad x-rays and PANs are available on an as needed basis.
2. For our program, a Pediatric Patient is defined as a child 12 years of age or younger.
 - a) If we get a back up of adolescent patients waiting for restorative services and the pediatric department is in need of additional patients, patients up to 18 years of age may be sent to the pediatric department.
 - b) If the pediatric department gets too busy, we can send some patients and guardians to hygiene or restorative as needed.
3. The Pediatric Department will review dental history and develop a treatment plan. (Unlike every other department)
4. Please triage treatment into work that can be completed within a 30-40 minute time span – e.g. *Quadrant Dentistry*
5. If you have an emergency, there are EMT services on site. Stay with the patient, send your assistant to alert the department lead 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.
6. Please PRINT on the patient charts – DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS
7. Only BLUE pens should be used on patient charts – NO BLACK ink.
8. Your dental units will be equipped with clean water. Maintenance volunteers will be coming through periodically to fill the reservoirs – please give them access.
9. 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/ EMT
 - c. Yellow – translator needed
 - d. Orange – equipment problem
 - e. Purple – requesting a Nomad x-ray
 - f. White- I need an Ambassador
10. It is recommended that amalgam restorations be used – especially in posterior teeth. We are not saying composites cannot be used. However, curing lights will be limited and limited colors of composite will be available.

11. Pediatric dentistry will have 4 general dentists next to its department area who can do restorations and simple extractions for the parents of the children being treated in pedo

12. **The treating doctor or EFDA should take patients to record verification and then to their guardian when treatment is complete** and an Ambassador will escort them on to exit interview – If the guardian is being treated, then the child should be taken to the patient waiting area after record verification . The escort should obtain the patient record from the practitioner and take that to the exit interview area when escorting patients there or give it to the guardian if delivering the patient to a guardian who has yet to receive treatment for themselves.

13. Spanish and other translators are available.

14. If you stick yourself or are stuck with an instrument, immediately notify the department lead who will follow the needle stick/sharp instrument protocol.

15. 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.

16. Please stagger your lunch breaks. While you are on break, another dentist may move into your chair so patient flow isn't disrupted.

STERILIZATION and INSTRUMENTS

1) Remove all sharps from the instruments before taking them to sterilization – do not walk on the clinic floor with sharps.

2) 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 “Dirty 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.

3) If you are using AMOM instruments, be sure to take them to the “Dirty AMOM Instruments” side of sterilization.

4) Broken AMOM instruments should be returned to sterilization, do NOT throw them away.

LASTLY, PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE and THANK YOU for participating today