ENDODONTIC PROTOCOL

Our goal is to relieve pain and address the most urgent needs. Please remember this is not like performing endodontic treatment in your office where more options are available to you and the patient has the ability to access a dentist more frequently.

Endodontic therapy at a MOM program is indicated for teeth of critical importance that can be restored adequately and predictably at the current MOM event. It is not a service to be performed on teeth that would require a more complex restoration than is possible at this program. This will only delay the ultimate loss of the tooth and thus possibly create a hurdle for the patient in the near future. These teeth without a doubt should be extracted.

Endodontics should be considered for:
- Only anterior teeth and bicuspids.
- Molar endodontic procedures are to be performed only in special, very limited circumstances where the tooth is considered critical. The Endo Captain will make this determination
- A tooth with adequate coronal tooth structure present and no loss of cuspal structure that can be restored with a direct restoration and will not need a crown in the near future to protect the integrity of the tooth
- A tooth with an existing crown and no decay present.
- That is an abutment for an existing fixed or removable partial denture and can be successfully restored at the current MOM event

All teeth being considered for endodontic treatment will be evaluated by the Endodontic Captain or 2nd Endodontic Captain. He/she will determine the practicality of performing endo on a tooth based upon radiographic interpretation, restorability and difficulty of the case. He/she may need to consult with the Restorative/Endodontic Lead before making the final decision.

1. The patient will be anesthetized before arriving in your chair. Ensure they are still numb before proceeding. Apply additional anesthetic is needed.
2. Printed radiographs will arrive with the patient. Radiographs are to stay with the patient folder
3. Complete patient registration form to indicate the service provided and print the treating dentist name and chair number.
4. Please PRINT on the patient charts — DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS.
5. Only **BLUE** pens should be used on patient charts — NO **BLACK** ink

6. 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** – take the patient to Exit Interview
   c. **Yellow** – need interpreter
   d. **Orange** – need dental technician
   e. **Purple** – requesting a Nomad X-ray
   f. **White w/ red cross** – EMT needed

7. Patient ambassadors should take patient to record verification when treatment is completed and then on to Exit Interview

8. Interpreters are available and will be wearing **RED MOM T-shirts**.

9. If you stick yourself or are stuck with an instrument, immediately notify the Restorative Lead who will follow the needle stick/sharp instrument protocol.

10. Please bring your DEA number for prescription writing purposes. The Restorative Lead will have prescription forms available; however, you are welcome to bring your own forms. **Acetaminophen, Amoxicillin, Clindamycin, Ibuprofen or Tramadol** are available at the onsite pharmacy free of charge. Indicated what you want to prescribe on the patient registration form. Any other prescription will be filled at the off-site pharmacy also free of charge to the patient.

11. Please stagger your lunch breaks. Be sure to let the Restorative Lead 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.

**PATIENT FLOW IN ENDOdontIC CLINIC**

- When the patient’s treatment is completed hold up the **Red** card and a Patient Ambassador will walk the patient to the Record Verifier.
- Remove all sharps from the instruments and place them in the Sharps container.
- Place blood and saliva soaked items in the Red Medical Waste bag.
- All other waste goes into the regular trash. **DO NOT PUT THIS WASTE IN THE SHARPS CONTAINER NOR THE RED MEDICAL WASTE BAGS.**
- Place all instruments in the instrument transport tub before taking them to sterilization. Do not walk on the clinic floor with contaminated instruments in your hands.
- All dirty instrument tubs will be located on the dirty table at the end of each row along with the sharps container, DRNA buckets and HVAC cleaner.
- 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.

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

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

- Clinic Support will clean and disinfect your workstation between patients.

- Pick-up sterile instruments and handpieces at Sterilization and dental supplies at Central Supply. Many of the dental materials you will need will be located in the Endo area.

- Hold up the Green card and a Patient Ambassador will bring you a new patient.