

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-E-06.6

SUBJECT: OUTSIDE DENTAL CONSULTATIONS OR TREATMENT
(Emergency and other approved services)

POLICY: There will be a method to refer inmate patients to community practitioners or specialists when approved dental treatment and/or diagnostic consultations cannot be performed in a DOC facility.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-E-06, Oral Care

PROCEDURE:

Prior to any outside referrals, an appointment will then be made for the patient to see an ODOC staff dentist. Dental care may be accessed according to procedures set forth in P-E-06, Oral Care.

- A. The ODOC staff dentist will complete a TLC form, and submit for TLC review prior to any outside referrals. If the outside referral is of an emergent nature, the ODOC dentist may arrange the outside appointment after phone or email review with the Dental Director is accomplished. If the Dental Director is not available, the referral may take place anyway, as long as an explanation is provided when the Dental Director becomes available. TLC review is still mandatory, even if phone or email approval is obtained from the Dental Director.
- B. The referring ODOC dentist will complete a physician's order for all outside dental referrals.
- C. The Health Referral Outside Agency form (pink sheet) will be completed by the referring ODOC dentist.
- D. After the referral, the patient record (with the returned pink sheet) shall be submitted ASAP to the institution dental staff for review, signature and applicable follow-up.

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