

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-E-06.4

SUBJECT: DENTAL EXAMINATION (AT INTAKE)

POLICY: A dental examination will be completed on all inmates within 30 days of admission to a DOC facility. If a dental exam has been completed within the last six (6) months, a new exam is not required. However, all inmates will receive the dental screening. Each patient serving more than one year will have his/her dental conditions explained. The conditions will be prioritized within the criteria of the dental levels of care. Each patient should be educated in the extent of dental treatment he/she may expect to receive by DOC Health Services during incarceration. Urgent treatment will be performed on all inmates prior to chronic and routine procedures.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-E-06, Oral Care
Health Services Procedure #P-A-02.2, Level of Therapeutic Dental Care Provided by ODOC, Health Services Section

PROCEDURE:

- A. The dental examination will be completed by a licensed dentist and will include the following:
1. Dental and medical history.
 2. Charting of the teeth that will include DMF (Decay, Missing and Filled).
 3. Examination of the hard and soft tissue of the oral cavity with proper illumination and instruments.
 4. X-rays will be taken when they are indicated by the providing dentist.
 5. Oral hygiene instructions [OHI].
 6. Access to care instructions [ACI].
 7. An inquiry of any emergent or urgent dental problems.
 8. Documentation of procedures performed in the dental record by the dentist.
- B. For those inmates with a sentence of more than one year, a chart review and treatment plan will be completed and treatment will be prioritized. The findings will be documented in the dental record.
- C. The inmate's dental record will be reviewed at the receiving institution. If any portion of the examination was not completed at intake, the dentist at the receiving institution will complete it.
- D. When dental entries are made on the physician order form or health care record, a notation will also be made on the dental record.

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