

Patient Selection Criteria - Scope of Care

In order to best meet your needs, patients who do not speak/understand English are encouraged to present with an interpreter.

Patients are encouraged not to bring children with them or to have a child care provider present for their appointments.

Before dental treatment in the RTC dental clinic, if a patient falls into categories 3-5, they will need to be evaluated by a physician:

Category 1: Healthy patients who require no special modifications & w/o systemic disease

Category 2: Patients with medical conditions who require scheduling changes or shorter appointments - may have mild systemic disease

Category 3: Patients with medical conditions that have lifelong implications; these patients require modifications in dental treatment planning, including alterations in anesthetic, types of dental materials, and patient positioning - severe systemic disease that limits activity, but is not incapacitating

Category 4: Patients with medical conditions who require more significant modifications in dental treatment planning, including treatment to meet dental-severe systemic disease that limits activity and may be incapacitating

Category 5: Patients with serious medical conditions who require only limited care to eliminate serious acute oral disease. This level includes patients who must be kept free of pain and discomfort - severe systemic disease that severely limits activity and is incapacitating

Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. blood pressure is higher than 140/90, with or without medication
2. had an organ transplant
3. on kidney dialysis
4. has an immune compromising condition
5. has a compromised medical/health history (determined by dentist and instructor)
6. rheumatic fever
7. joint replacement
8. heart condition (ie., murmur, congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction (heart attack), etc., cerebrovascular accidents (strokes) or severe upper respiratory disorder
9. taking medications that may have potential adverse effects during treatment
10. certain severe allergies (ie., latex)
11. brittle diabetes (uncontrolled)

A person may not become a patient of record if he/she:

1. has an extensive treatment plan that is not educationally suitable (outside the scope of care) for the clinic...every patient must be approved by dentist and instructor before treatment
2. has specific dental needs that cannot be satisfied in a college setting
3. has expectations for care that cannot be satisfied in a college setting, ie., time, financial arrangements, etc.
4. does not accept the treatment plan as outlined by the dentist
5. extensive periodontal (gum) disease with bone loss

Forms: Patient Selection