

## STANDARDS

### **DN.1 Qualified dentist directs the dental services.**

DN.1.1 The head of the dental department is a dentist qualified by education, training, and experience.

### **DN.2 Dental department staff members have appropriate qualifications.**

DN.2.1 Dentists perform dental treatments and procedures within their approved privileges.

DN.2.2 Qualified dental technicians are available as needed.

DN.2.3 There is one dental assistant per chair.

### **DN.3 Education is provided to the patient and family.**

DN.3.1 Patients are educated and informed about the nature of the problem.

DN.3.2 Patients are educated and informed about treatments and procedures required.

DN.3.3 Patients are educated and informed about time needed to complete the course of treatment.

DN.3.4 Where applicable, patients are educated and informed about cost of services.

### **DN.4 Each patient's dental care is planned and documented in the medical record.**

DN.4.1 Comprehensive assessment is performed for each patient to include:

DN.4.1.1 History of allergic reactions.

DN.4.1.2 Chronic illnesses (e.g., congenital heart disease, rheumatic heart and diabetes).

DN.4.1.3 Infectious diseases.

DN.4.1.4 Hematological diseases (e.g., hemophilia).

DN.4.1.5 Chief complaints.

DN.4.1.6 The need for antibiotic prophylaxis.

DN.4.1.7 Radiological procedures needed.

DN.4.1.8 Treatment plan including procedure(s) to be performed.

DN.4.1.9 Dose of local anesthesia, the tooth treated and the material used.

DN.4.2 The assessment findings and the treatment plan are documented in the patient's medical record.

### **DN.5 The dental department adopts the hospital wide policies and procedures as applicable.**

DN.5.1 Informed consent is obtained for all high-risk procedures.

DN.5.2 General anesthesia and moderate or deep sedation are performed safely and according to the hospital's related policies and procedures.

### **DN.6 Infection control guidelines are strictly implemented in the dental department.**

DN.6.1 There are infection control guidelines that include, but are not limited to:

DN.6.1.1 Using gloves and masks for each case.

DN.6.1.2 Wearing protective eyewear.

DN.6.1.3 Providing eye protection for patients.

DN.6.1.4 Cleaning surfaces of working area between patients.

DN.6.1.5 Maintaining updated evidence-based disinfection and sterilization practices.