
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.

Standard Intent:

When a dental patient has been registered or admitted to an organization for inpatient or outpatient care/treatment, a complete assessment needs to be performed related to the reason the patient has come for care. The elements of the comprehensive assessment mentioned in the substandard DN.4.1.1 through DN.4.1.9 are the minimum required. The assessment findings must be 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.

Standard Intent:

The dental department adopts written policies and procedures that support compliance with applicable standards and regulations regarding Informed consent and General anesthesia and moderate or deep sedation.

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.

DN.6.1.6 Implementing the hospital infection control plan, policies and procedures as outlined in the “Infection Control” chapter of this manual.

DN.6.2 The infection control guidelines are strictly implemented.

Standard Intent:

For an infection prevention and control program to be effective, it must be comprehensive, encompassing both patient care and employee health. The guidelines of infection control in the dental department must be guided by a plan that identifies and addresses the infection issues that are epidemiologically important to the organization. In addition, it must be appropriate to the organization’s size and geographic location, services, and patients and includes systems to identify infections and to investigate outbreaks of infectious diseases (elements of the substandard DN.6.1.1 through DN.6.1.6). The implementation of the program should be monitored.

DN.7 Safety rules are applied in the dental laboratory.

DN.7.1 Fire detection and abatement equipment are available.

DN.7.2 Fire blankets are available.

DN.7.3 Cautionary signs are posted.

DN.7.4 A hooded exhaust is available in the casting area.

DN.7.5 Oxygen cylinders are safely stored.

DN.7.6 Fumes are safely evacuated.

DN.7.7 Eye wash station is available.

Standard Intent:

If dental laboratory is available in the hospital safety rules must be applicable such as:

- Fire detection and abatement equipment are available.
- Fire blankets are available.
- Cautionary signs are posted.
- A hooded exhaust is available in the casting area.
- Oxygen cylinders are safely stored.
- Fumes are safely evacuated.
- Eye wash station is available.