
Dental Care Standard Intents

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.

Standard Intent:

There should be senior, qualified and well trained dentist direct the dental unit. The person must have a current job description that defines his/her role to ensure proper medical staff performance and high quality of care.

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.

Standard Intent:

Dental department staff members are qualified by documented training, expertise, and experience, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. 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.

Standard Intent:

The Patients dental care planning process includes educating the patient, his or her family, or decision maker on the risks, benefits, and alternatives related to the planned care so that they have the knowledge and skills to participate in the care processes and care decisions. This discussion Where applicable, include information about cost of services.