

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.