

Significance of Medical History in Dental Clinics

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Abstract

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According to Farouk (2016), Medical History can be classified into:

Dental History

Components of Routine Dental History:

1. Attitude of patient towards previous dentist and/or treatment.
2. Past Dental Care.
 - a) Routine dental care*
 - b) Episodic dental care*
 - c) Symptomatic dental care*
3. Periodontal therapy*
4. Local Anaesthesia
 - a) General anxiety
 - b) Syncope
 - c) Allergy
5. Extraction*
6. Missing Teeth
7. Filling Restorations*
8. Root canal Fillings
9. Removable Prosthetic Appliance
10. Fixed Bridges
11. Orthodontic Therapy
12. Surgical Procedures
13. TMJ Therapy
14. Radiographs

Medical History

1. Past and present medical history*
 - a) Who are medically complex patients
 - i) Patients with a known medical condition
 - May require hospitalization
 - Diseases that require premedication
 - Precautions
 - Diseases that give oral manifestations
 - ii) Patients with an undetected medical condition
 - unaware of serious medical condition
 - uncover an important medical condition
 - Review of systems
 - iii) Patients recovering from a medical condition
 - Predisposed to medical complication from dental treatment

- Cardiac valve replacement (endocarditis)
- iv) Patients taking medication
 - Complication of medications
 - Medications as a clue for medical condition
 - Medications may produce oral manifestations
 - Drugs may need adjustment during dental treatment.
 - Drugs interaction between medications taken by the patient and prescribed by the dentist.
 - Drugs may induce allergic reactions
- v) Patients following a special diet
- vi) Patients in need of special dental care
 - prior to receiving medical care as chemotherapy or radiotherapy
 - to prevent serious medical condition
- vii) Patients that may transmit infection
- b) History of Infections and Immunizations
- c) History of Hospitalization/Surgery
- d) History of Radiotherapy
- e) Pregnancy
- f) Other Conditions
- 2. A review of systems
 - a) Anemia
 - b) Coronary Heart Diseases
 - c) Diabetes Mellitus
 - d) Hyperthyroidism
- 3. Social history
 - a) Personal habit
 - b) Smoking
 - c) Heavy Alcohol use
- 4. Family history
 - a) Hereditary diseases
 - b) Infectious diseases

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