Life Threatening Emergencies in the Dental Office

A safe dental office will have in place a plan of action for when a life threatening emergency occurs. After all, an emergency, either medical or dental, can present at any time and successfully handling it requires a plan of action that the entire staff understands and has practiced. After all, it may be the dentist having the medical emergency!

Emergency policies must be developed specific to the size and type of the dental practice. What is appropriate for a small general practice is entirely different than that of a large clinic; which is yet again different from what would be expected from an oral surgery practice.

Regardless of the type of practice, an emergency plan aims to manage the patient until help arrives. This comes down to maintaining an oxygen supply to heart and brain, thus managing the airway, breathing and circulation.

The small or solo practice may have a simple policy of two basic steps:

1. Calling 911.
2. Instituting Basic Life Support (BLS) procedures to support oxygenation culminating in the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

In this situation, the entire staff must have current CPR training, which now includes the use of an AED. There should be a staff member (and backup) appointed to call 911 stat.

An oral surgeon’s office or a practice that utilizes sedation or general anesthesia should have access to more resuscitation equipment and be able to provide more advanced care.

In both settings, only repeated practice can result in calm, clear communication and effective addressing of the emergency. The takeaway... have a basic plan and practice!

Dr. Rich Herman, Chair, ADA Culture of Safety in Dentistry Workgroup

Dr. Michael Glick is a professor of Oral Medicine and a Past-Dean at the School of Medicine, University of Buffalo. He lectures extensively throughout the United States and internationally. Dr. Glick is a Past-President of the American Board of Oral Medicine and served until 2020 as the Editor of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

Friday, May 14, 2021
“Treatment of the Medically Complex Dental Patient”
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dentists play an important role as primary healthcare professionals. They need to screen and monitor patients for underlying medical conditions, and are required to render dental care to an array of medically complex patients. Pertinent medical assessment of patients has become an essential part of dentistry, as even the most common medical problems may require modifications to routine dental care. This presentation will simplify this task by reviewing common medical disorders, and explaining and providing protocols for safe and appropriate dental care for patients with complex medical conditions.

“The Oral-Systemic Health Connection” - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During the past couple of decades, there has been a renewed interest in the association between oral infections and systemic diseases. As these associations are discussed in both the professional and the non-professional literature, patients are becoming aware of these associations and will sometimes ask their oral health care provider for more information. This presentation will help oral health care professionals evaluate studies discussing the associations between oral and non-oral conditions, and provide guidance on how to interpret and address these associations with their patients.
River Cities Public Transit expands services in Sioux Falls

For over two decades, River Cities Public Transit has been committed to providing safe, reliable, and courteous public transportation. We firmly believe that what we do is much more than getting people from point A to point B. Public transit promotes quality of life, livability, self-sufficiency, and freedom through mobility. We are a lifeline for so many people living in rural South Dakota.

It was 2015 when we made our full time entrance into the Sioux Falls transit market. River Cities Public Transit received a request to bid on a contract to provide paratransit services for DakotAbilities and LifeScapes. We won the bid and have been providing low cost shuttle services for their residents ever since.

Now, we are expanding our service offerings to include non-emergency transportation of Medicaid patients to healthcare appointments within Sioux Falls.

“Our goal, in offering this service is very simple: enhancing access to health care. Transportation, or the lack thereof, should not prevent anyone from receiving routine or preventative care.”
Ron Baumgart, Director River Cities Public Transit

Our primary keys to success for this program begins with educating the Sioux Falls medical community, Medicaid coordinators, and the public that we are available and ready to perform non-emergency Medicaid transportation.

About our organization: As a private nonprofit agency, we are dedicated to providing transportation services to persons with disabilities, the elderly, low income, and the general public. All of our drivers are professionally trained in both ambulatory and non-ambulatory transportation regulations, and each are certified in Passenger Assistance, Safety and Sensitivity Training (P.A.S.S.) through C.T.A.A.

In addition to our headquarters location in Pierre, River Cities Public Transit operates five locations across South Dakota, including Phillip, Eagle Butte, Highmore and Sioux Falls.

To learn more about our Medicaid transportation services in Sioux Falls, call us toll free at 877-587-5776.
Or email Jess Marlow, Media & Communications: jess.marlow@midconetwork.com

National Children’s Dental Health Month

With National Children’s Dental Health Month coming in February, the ADA Catalog will be running sales on kids’ brochures and activity books in February related to the observance.

The publications include:

- Your Child’s Teeth.
- Your Child’s Teeth from Birth to Age 6.
- Your Child’s Teeth from Ages 6-12.
- Dental Sealants.
- Dental Fun Book.
- Dental Health Activity Book.

A free poster about the special month is also available, created by the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention.

This year’s campaign slogan is “Water, Nature’s Drink!” and the poster is printed in English on one side, and Spanish on the other.

For more products from the ADA Catalog, visit ebusiness.ADA.org.
Sanford Health Plan Requires ICD-10 Code to Adjudicate Dental Claims

Many dental offices are seeing their claims to Sanford Health Plan denied due to a new requirement put in place by Sanford that requires claims to include the International Classification of Diseases or ICD-10 code. These are diagnostic codes – which are commonly used in medicine. Dentistry has traditionally used procedure codes. Sanford may be the first carrier to require dental claims to include ICD-10 codes, but they won’t likely be the last. Most state Medicaid programs and many other private carriers across the country have begun using the codes. This practice began in 2015 and has slowly been growing. The ADA has developed simple instructions on how to submit ICD-10 codes on the ADA dental claim form. There are several tables with frequently reported CDT Codes with one or more possible ICD-10 diagnostic codes: https://success.ada.org/en/dental-benefits/icd-and-cdt-codes. Software that doesn’t include ICD-10 codes may need to be updated.

Staffing Questions Answered During HR Webinar

Do you ever wish you could get practical and straight forward solutions to your complicated staffing and personnel issues? Join the SDDA’s endorsed HR advisor – Trish Dougherty – as she answers questions directly from participating dental offices during a one-hour webinar on the morning of Friday, January 15, 2021. Registration information will be distributed to dentists and office managers through the SDDA website. If you have questions that you’d like to be addressed during the webinar, please direct them to Brenda Goeden at brenda.goeden@sddental.org.

Reserve Your Room NOW for the 2021 Annual Session

The Sioux Falls Sheraton will be the hotel site for the 2021 Annual Session, May 13-15. A block of rooms under SD Dental Association is being held for those attending the convention. A group rate of $132, plus tax, single or double occupancy for a standard room is available. Call the Sheraton directly at 605-331-0100. The cut-off date for our room block is April 19, 2021.

Sioux Empire Smiles 2020

Like most large events, Sioux Empire Smiles looks different this year. Instead of offering a one-day clinic at Children’s Dental Center, offices in the Southeast District have volunteered to care for underserved children in their own practices.

Dr. Blake Ridgway said his staff at Neighborhood Dental were thankful to be involved in this program. “Our team really enjoyed meeting and serving families from our community,” he said. “It served as a reminder of our purpose, which is to use our skills and talent to help individuals in need of quality dental care.”

Donated dental services can increase a child’s self-esteem and school performance. Laura Brennan, a home school liaison at Jane Addams Elementary School, said students with dental pain may miss school or struggle to pay attention in class. Receiving dental care improves students’ learning. One of her students received treatment for a painful decayed anterior tooth. “I’ve never seen a kid so excited to go to the dentist,” she said. “Afterwards he couldn’t stop smiling.”

Dr. Cody Henriksen from Dental Comfort Center has also volunteered to donate dental services because he believes there is a large need for donated dental work in his community. “I would encourage every single office to do this,” he said. “Even if every dentist only saw one patient, the net result is that a large amount of patients are getting treated that otherwise would not be. This can be life changing for many families.”

Sioux Empire Smiles would like to thank everyone who has already volunteered. If your office would like to volunteer to treat underserved children, email Jean Gross at jean.gross@deltadentalsd.com or call or text (605) 360-3627.

“So, so grateful the kids are here! The older two have never seen a dentist. He’s probably the most compliant 5-year old they’ve ever had. Some fillings and extractions needed that should be able to be done in office!” said Jessi Copeland, program director of Central Preschool.
CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

SDDA ANNUAL SESSION
Contact: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133
www.sddental.org
May 13-15, 2021 Sioux Falls, SD

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Contact: 605-718-2410

Third Friday of the Month, mornings
➢ American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals
Third Friday of the Month, afternoons
➢ American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification

UNMC CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION ONLINE LECTURES
Contact: Abbey Beardsley, 402-472-2611; codce@unmc.edu
These courses are for dentists, hygienists and dental assistants

➢ January 8, 2021, 8:30-3:45 PM: “Update in Pediatric Preventative and Restorative Dentistry”. Presented by Dr. Kevin Donly. 3 CE hours

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Contact: Amy Meadors, 800-657-4344; Amy.Meadors@lakeareatech.edu
https://www.lakeareatech.edu/corporate-education/corporate-education-registration/

➢ January 30, 2021, 9:00-6:00 PM:
  “Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)”

Home Study Radiology Courses available:
➢ Radiology Safety
➢ Radiography Production

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene 605-677-5379

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course
Offered two to three times per year

Home Study Radiology Courses available:
➢ Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
➢ Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
➢ Processing Errors
➢ Occlusal Exposures for Children
➢ Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
➢ Panoramic Radiography
➢ Radiation Safety
➢ Vertical Bitewings
➢ Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

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