Policy and Procedure
Medical Referrals

Responsible Party: VP of Dental Affairs

Policy: The practice of dentistry involves treating the whole person. When reviewing the health history, medical conditions may be present that would preclude uncompromised patient care. If a potentially medically-compromised patient is determined, medical consultation and recommendation should be obtained prior to commencement of treatment.

Procedure:

I. Medically compromised patient with an acute problem requiring immediate treatment;
   A. If a CHCI patient:
      1. Call a specific provider listed on Attachment 1.
      2. Complete the “Medical Consultation Request” form – Attachment 2.
      3. Request written recommendation on the request form.
      4. Instruct the patient to present with the request form to the Family Health desk.
   B. If a patient is not a CHCI patient:
      1. Attempt to call their provider of record
      2. Complete the “Medical Consultation Request” form – Attachment 2.
      3. Request written recommendation on the request form.
      4. Instruct the patient to seek an immediate appointment with their provider of record.

II. Medically compromised patient requiring routine dental treatment;
   A. Complete the “Medical Consultation Request” form – Attachment 2.
   B. Request written recommendation on the request form.
   C. Instruct patient to obtain a medical appointment with CHCI or their provider of record.

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Signature

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