


PLAN OPERATIONS	 From DentaQuest		
	<i>Policy and Procedure</i>		
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## POLICY

The approved DCO Practice Guidelines are reviewed annually by the Vice President of Clinical Services (a licensed Oregon dentist) or their designee(s), who are licensed dentists. Additions and changes are presented to the Peer Review and Credentialing Committee for final approval. The Utilization Management Workgroup uses Practice Guidelines as part of the UM policy review process. Records of additions, changes, and/or removal of practice guidelines will be detailed in the DCO Peer Review and Credentialing Committee minutes.

The following practice guidelines have been reviewed and approved for implementation by the Peer Review and Credentialing Committee or all providers contracted with the DCO. Guidelines are to be applied based on the individual circumstances and conditions of DCO enrollees, in conjunction with the treating provider's professional clinical judgment. Nothing in this Policy is intended to interfere with a licensed provider's treatment decisions or clinical practice of dentistry.

1. Prevention of Infective Endocarditis: Guidelines from the American Heart Association, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/infective-endocarditis-clinical-practice-guideline>
2. Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Prevention of Prosthetic Joint Infection Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/antibiotics-to-prevent-prosthetic-joint-infection>
3. Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and limiting Radiation Exposure, American Dental Association & Food and Drug Administration  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/ada-library/oral-health-topics/x-rays-radiographs>
4. Oral Health During Pregnancy: A National Consensus Statement, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center  
<https://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/OralHealthPregnancyConsensus.pdf>
5. Behavior Guidance for the Pediatric Dental Patient, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
<https://www.aapd.org/research/oral-health-policies--recommendations/behavior-guidance-for-the-pediatric-dental-patient/>
6. Caries Management Clinical Practice Guidelines, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry <https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/caries-management-clinical-practice-guidelines>
7. Pit-and-Fissure Sealants Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry <https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/sealants-clinical-practice-guideline>

8. Professionally-Applied and Prescription-Strength, Home-Use Topical Fluoride Agents for Caries Prevention Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry <https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/topical-fluoride-clinical-practice-guideline>
9. AAP Parameter on Comprehensive Periodontal Examination, American Academy of Periodontology  
<https://aap.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1902/jop.2000.71.5-S.847>
10. Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride for Dental Caries Management in Children and Adolescents, Including Those with Special Health Care Needs: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
<https://www.aapd.org/research/oral-health-policies--recommendations/silver-diamine-fluoride-for-dental-caries-management-in-children-and-adolescents-including-those-with-special-health-care-needs/>
11. Evaluation of Potentially Malignant Disorders in the Oral Cavity Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/oral-cancer-guideline>
12. Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Dentists, Oregon Health Authority  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PreventionWellness/SubstanceUse/Opioids/Documents/oregon-recommended-opioid-guidelines-dentists.pdf>
13. Evidence-based clinical practice guideline on antibiotic use for the urgent management of pulpal- and periapical-related dental pain and intraoral swelling  
<https://jada.ada.org/action/showPdf?pii=S0002-8177%2819%2930617-8>
14. Nonrestorative Treatments for Carious Lesions Clinical Practice Guideline  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/caries-management-clinical-practice-guidelines/evidence-based-clinical-practice-guideline-on-nonrestorative-treatments-for-caries-lesions>
15. Nonsurgical Treatment of Chronic Periodontitis Clinical Practice Guidelines  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research/nonsurgical-treatment-of-periodontitis-guideline>

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