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	<i>Policy and Procedure</i>			
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PURPOSE

To establish clinical practice guidelines to aid providers in clinical decision-making and help incorporate evidence gained through scientific investigation into patient care. Guidelines include recommendation statements intended to optimize care that are informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and harms of alternative care options.

POLICY

The Dental Care Organization (DCO) places a priority on promoting and protecting the overall health and safety of dental enrollees. In addition, it emphasizes prevention and early medical management of dental caries in pregnant women and children and eliminating sources of infection and reducing the disease burden in all enrollees. Consequently, the DCO's priority for adopting new practice guidelines is focused on these outcomes and populations. The DCO regularly monitors professional organization and agency sites for new or updated dental practice guidelines and consults with subject matter experts for the latest evidence and recommendations.

The principle sources for the DCO's practice guidelines are the American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policies and Clinical Guidelines, the Centers for Disease Control, Cochrane Oral Health and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Network providers are encouraged to submit new guidelines and comments for existing guidelines.

The approved DCO Practice Guidelines are reviewed annually by the Vice President of Clinical Services or their designee(s), who are licensed dentists. Additions and changes are presented to the Peer Review and Credentialing Committee for final approval.

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://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/infective-endocarditis>
2. Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Prevention of Prosthetic Joint Infection Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry
<https://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/management-of-patients-with-prosthetic-joints>

3. Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and limiting Radiation Exposure, American Dental Association & Food and Drug Administration
[X-Rays/Radiographs | American Dental Association \(ada.org\)](#)
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://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/caries-management>
7. Pit-and-Fissure Sealants Clinical Practice Guideline, American Dental Association Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry
<https://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/pit-and-fissure-sealants>
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://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/topical-fluoride>
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://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/oral-cancer>
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>

REFERENCES

42 CFR 438.236 Practice guidelines

OAR 410-141-3525 Outcome and Quality Measures

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