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### Referral priority guide

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| <b>Immediate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk of airway obstruction</li> <li>• Bleeding in haemophilia patients</li> </ul>  | Contact Dental Registrar on 9076 2000 and/or send to the Alfred Emergency & Trauma Centre   |
| <b>Urgent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs of oral infection with immunocompromise</li> </ul>  | Fax referral to Outpatient Department on 9076 6938, and phone Dental registrar on 9076 2000. Likely to receive an appointment within 1-2 weeks.   |
| <b>Soon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low grade infections</li> <li>• Periodontal disease</li> <li>• Undiagnosed oral swelling</li> </ul>   | Likely to receive an appointment within 2-6 weeks.  |
| <b>Intermediate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially erupted, chronically inflamed wisdom teeth</li> </ul>   | Likely to receive an appointment within 6-12 weeks.   |
| <b>Non-urgent</b>  | Appointment may be delayed.   |
| <b>Not seen</b>  | <p>Children under 16 years of age are not seen at The Alfred.</p> <p>The Alfred Dental Unit provides specialized dental treatment of medically complex patients.</p> <p>The Alfred Dental Unit is unable to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowns</li> <li>• Bridge work</li> <li>• Endodontic treatment</li> </ul> <p>The following services are not provided unless in special circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance dentistry (cleaning, dental check ups)</li> <li>• Restorative treatments</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Please note:</b> The times to assessment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department. If you are concerned about the delay of the outpatient appointment or if there is any deterioration in the patient's condition, please contact the Dental Registrar on call on 9076 2000.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p> |   |

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| Evaluation   | Management   | Referral Guidelines   |
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| <b>Anticoagulants</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> <li>• Warfarin dose</li> <li>• INR</li> <li>• Reason for anticoagulation</li> </ul> | Maintain Warfarin unless outside therapeutic guidelines. | <a href="#">Return to contents page</a>   |
| <b>Bone marrow transplantation</b>   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications, bisphosphonates</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> <li>• FBE</li> </ul>   |  | <a href="#">Return to contents page</a>   |
| <b>Diabetes</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> <li>• Insulin</li> <li>• HbA1c</li> </ul>   |  | <p>If unstable diabetes with oral infection, urgent dental attention is required – refer PRIORITY 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p>  |
| <b>Head and neck malignancies</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medical history</li> <li>▪ Medications</li> <li>▪ Duration of dental problem</li> <li>▪ Tumour type and histology</li> <li>▪ Details of radiotherapy</li> </ul>       |  | <a href="#">Return to contents page</a>   |
| <b>Haemophilia</b>   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> </ul>   |  | <p>If bleeding, send IMMEDIATELY to The Alfred Emergency and Trauma Centre.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p>                           |
| <b>Heart valves</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medical history</li> <li>▪ Medications</li> <li>▪ Duration of dental problem</li> <li>▪ Warfarin dose</li> <li>▪ INR</li> <li>▪ Reason for anticoagulation</li> </ul> |  | <p>Any oral infection in a patient with heart valve needs to be assessed urgently - refer PRIORITY 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p> |
| <b>HIV/Infectious diseases</b>   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> <li>• CD4 count</li> <li>• Other viral serology eg Hepatitis C</li> </ul>           |  | <p>If immunocompromised with oral infection, urgent dental attention is required – refer PRIORITY 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p>  |
| <b>Organ transplantation</b>   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical history</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Duration of dental problem</li> <li>• Degree of immunosuppression</li> <li>• Type of therapy</li> </ul>             |  | <p>If immunocompromised with oral infection, urgent dental attention is required – refer PRIORITY 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Return to contents page</a></p>  |

