

## Portland State University Dental Clinic Policy for New and Recall Patients

### **Requirements for New Patients**

1. All new patients seeking definitive care must have a comprehensive evaluation by a PSU dentist. This is defined as a thorough intra oral and extra oral evaluation to determine all matters of possible pathologies within the head and neck region of the patient.
  - a. Full mouth set of radiographs displaying all areas of bone as they relate to the teeth/ or bring a current FMX from a previous dentist.
  - b. Full periodontal exam based on measurements of the gingival tissue and radiographic bone level.
  - c. Medical history reviewed.
  - d. New patient is to present all medications and conditions at the comprehensive exam appointment.
  - e. Patients will be treated with dignity and respect/patients are to be respectful of other patients, faculty, and staff.

### **Requirements for returning patients**

1. Most patients will require a cleaning every six months to maintain healthy teeth and gums.
2. Some patients will be required to have specialty cleanings based on the diagnosis given at the comprehensive exam.
3. Most patients will require a yearly recall exam by a PSU dentist.

### **Referrals to external practitioners will occur when;**

1. Pathology is present
2. Extensive one loss

3. Comprehensive needs of the patient are beyond the abilities of the clinic.
4. Difficult root canal beyond the abilities of the clinic.
5. The student is responsible for all charges incurred by outside treatment.

Psu dental clinic policies are in place in order to protect our patients and community. Individuals unable to comply with this policy will not receive full comprehensive care or be eligible for routine cleanings. The dental clinic is available to all eligible students for emergencies regardless of patient status.