



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Description of Services

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PURPOSE

1. To provide comprehensive dental care for physically, medically, and developmentally disabled inpatients and outpatients of all ages.
2. To provide training for general practice residents, dental specialty residents, dental students, dental hygiene students, community dentists, and medical and allied health personnel.

FUNCTION

1. To evaluate and treat disabled patients referred to the Dental Center from Rancho medical services and clinics.
2. To care for the dental needs of severely disabled patients referred from the community.
3. To provide care for both inpatients and outpatients requiring dental care in the operating room under a general anesthesia.
4. To serve as consultants for the many patient care teams at Rancho.

PHYSICAL FACILITY

The Dental Clinic has a waiting room, reception office, 7 dental operatories, a dental x-ray room, and a dental laboratory. The dental chairs have air-glides and may be moved to accommodate gurneys or wheelchairs with equipment. One operatory is equipped with monitoring equipment for the sedated dental patient.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The Department provides comprehensive dental treatment for disabled patients and specialized treatment in oral and maxillofacial surgery, maxillofacial prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry, and periodontics. The Department provides treatment for neonates to geriatric patients.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Training is provided for:

1. Dental hygiene students from Cypress College.
2. Dental students from USC School of Dentistry.
3. The Department's general practice residents.
4. Pediatric dentistry residents from USC School of Dentistry.
5. Oral/maxillofacial surgery residents from LAC+USC Medical Center.
6. Periodontal surgery residents from VA Wadsworth Medical Center.
7. General Practice Residents from LAC/USC and Martin Luther King, Jr., Medical Centers.
8. In-service training, seminars, and workshops for Department auxillary staff
9. Continuing education courses for Department staff, dentists from other County facilities and community dentists.

CLINICAL SERVICES

1. Examination and treatment of dental emergencies.
2. Dental care to free the patient of oral-facial pain and infection prior to surgery, and/or so that the patient benefits from rehabilitation programs.
3. Comprehensive dental care for physically, medically and developmentally disabled patients, including feeding obturators, speech bulbs, speech/maxillofacial obturators, restorations, hygiene, periodontal surgery, and oral surgery.
4. Dental care in the operating room under general anesthesia for patients who cannot be treated in the outpatient dental clinic.