**THE PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Dental Hygiene clinic patients have the right to:

1. Be treated with courtesy and respect.
2. Be informed of the fee schedule and appointments.
3. Have appointment time reasonably observed.
4. Have a thorough examination and assessment of oral health needs.
5. Be informed of dental treatment necessary to attain optimal oral health and wellness.
6. Receive accurate and current information regarding oral health status.
7. Expect high quality care which will prevent further oral disease.
8. Expect reasonable continuity of care.
10. Be referred for other needed treatment which will promote wellness.
11. Confidentiality of all information pertinent to oral care.
12. Expect treatment in a safe, clean health care setting.

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**POLICY ON PATIENT ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE**

Services will be performed by a dental hygiene student under the supervision of licensed dentists and dental hygiene faculty. Services performed are limited to preventive treatment and are not intended to take the place of a dental examination. Conclusion of patient appointment(s) at the dental hygiene clinic does not necessarily indicate that all dental treatment has been completed.

Preventive treatment provided includes:

- Oral Examination
- Oral Prophylaxis (Cleaning and Polishing the Teeth)
- Dental Hygiene Instructions
- Nutritional Counseling
- Necessary Radiographs (X-rays) – may be referred to patient’s dentist upon request
- Home Care Aids
- Cleaning of Dentures/Partial/Removable Orthodontic Appliances
- Fluoride Treatment/Sealants
- Tobacco Cessation Education

The program will attempt to prevent the provision of fragmented and/or incomplete dental hygiene care by carefully matching patients to students, based upon factors such as student level, patient needs, and time in the academic year, and by developing a strong recall system. In addition, clinical requirements will be incentive to providing complete services for individual patients. Patients who are unable to be completed as a student’s graduation nears will be transferred to an underclassman with both students being involved in the transition process.