

Dental Clinic Overview

The information below is specific to questions we frequently receive from dental volunteers. Information that is applicable to all volunteers including check-in and orientation times, a clinic map, as well as reference materials such as sample patient records and dental x-ray training videos, can be found at seattlecenter.org/skclinic/orientation. **Please take time to review them!**

Dental Services

Seattle/King County Clinic offers cleanings, restorative procedures including CEREC crowns, simple extractions, anterior and bicuspid endodontics, limited oral medicine, temporary partials, and x-rays. We will provide approximately one hour's worth of care for each patient. **The primary goal is to address the patient's chief complaint to relieve pain and eliminate infection. The care provided should follow this basic principle.** In most cases, we will not be able to provide all the care each patient needs.

Please familiarize yourself with the Dental Triage Reference which addresses scope of services and the Dental Record available at seattlecenter.org/skclinic/orientation.

Certificates for CE credits for dentists, hygienists, and EFDAs will be emailed following the Clinic.

What is Provided & What to Bring

America's Dentists Care Foundation provides most of the equipment and instruments for the main dental floor including A-dec patient chairs and delivery units, Aseptico unit mount lights and operator stools, as well as extra chairs, lights and stools for Triage and Lab. In addition, we have secured Bien Air surgical handpieces, additional Cavitrons, lab equipment, a Panorex and Nomads. We have one dental van for part of Endo and/or Pedo.

We are a pop-up Clinic with limited instruments and supplies – please do not hoard them. **If you don't find supplies you are looking for, please ask leadership in the dental supplies area.**

Instruments:

- Hygiene: cassettes of standard hygiene instruments (mirror, perio probe, explorer 11/12, H5/L5, 204 SD, Columbia 4L/4R, Gracey 13/14 rigid, Gracey 11/12 rigid) as well as ultra-sonic scalers and sharpening stones
- Hand Pieces: slow speed, high speed, surgical hand pieces (W & H and Bien Air)
- Restorative: cassettes of standard restorative instruments as well as explorer, mirror, cotton plier, burnisher, hollenback, composite instrument, condenser, spoon, tanner carver, articulating forceps, tofflemire, amalgam carrier, dycal, mouth prop, spatula, curing light, amalgamator
- Surgical: cassettes of standard oral surgery instruments as well as minnesota, periosteal, large straight elevator, small straight elevator, needle holder, bone file, root tip pick, crane pick elevator, hemostat, tissue forceps, spoon curette, scissors, potts east/west, crown/bridge scissors, rongeur, cryers, syringes, 23 (cowhorn) forceps, 88L forceps, 88R forceps, root tip elevator, 53L forceps, 53R forceps, bird beaks, anterior forceps, 17 forceps, 151 forceps, 150 forceps, pedo 151s forceps, pedo 150s forceps

Anesthesia: lidocaine, marcaine, mepivacaine, septocaine

Onsite medications: amoxicillin 500mg, azithromycin 250mg (for use in lieu of clindamycin), acetaminophen 325mg, acetaminophen 500mg, ibuprofen 200mg, ibuprofen 600mg.

Personal protective equipment (PPE): gloves, ASTM procedure masks, KN95 masks, N95 masks, safety glasses, face shields, disposable coats. Please wear PPE correctly and **remove all but (potentially) your mask when leaving the treatment area.**

Please **do not dispose of used/empty or almost expired treatment materials/supplies** as it affects our ability to calculate total usage. Leave items on the dental tray for processing by the Dental Sterilization & Supplies team.

Please bring:

- Your own eye protection, loupes and/or headlamps, as desired. The lighting will not be as bright and focused as in your practice.
- Clamps, punch, forceps and frame, if you prefer to work with a dam. We'll provide dam materials.
- Sectional matrix system, if you prefer to work with one.
- Other preferred instruments, as desired.
- Your NPI#, as appropriate.

We have a team of volunteers that will handle sterilization. If you bring personal instruments, write your name and chair number on a sterilization pouch so they can be returned to you after being sterilized.

Keep your belongings safe by labeling them with your name and keeping track of them throughout the day. We are not responsible for articles that are damaged, lost or stolen.

Endo: We have basic endo supplies, and the equipment listed below. Supplies and equipment are shared between the dental van (2 chairs) and 2 chairs on the dental floor. If you have preferred brands or specialized equipment, we encourage you to bring your own.

- Global Microscope (1) ****Please plan to bring your own loupes/magnification as we only have 1 microscope available****
- Woodpecker Brushless Endo Motor w/6:1 Contra Angle (1)
- Woodpecker Ultrasonic Activator Device (2)
- Woodpecker Gutter-Percha Obturation Systems
Fi-G Backfill Gun (1); Backfill Pen Fi-E (1);
Heated Plugger Fi-P (2)
- Woodpecker X Apex Locator (1)
- Backfill Obturation Units: Calamus (4) /
Dentsply (1)
- Other Apex Locator (3)
- System B (1)
- Rotary Motors (includes 1 Promark)(4)
- Endo Explorers (8)
- BnL Endo Mirror w/Rulers (4)
- BnL Condensers (4)
- Woodpecker Gutta-Percha Obturator Pellets
- Woodpecker R1 Plus Gutta-Gauge w/ Ruler
- Jordco Endo Rings & V Sponges
- Limited assortment of nickel titanium rotary files (Dentsply WaveOne, SS White DC Taper, Kerr ZenFlex)

Dental Lab: While the Clinic provides lab equipment and commonly used supplies, we are not able to procure some of the specialized or personalized equipment you might prefer. The Lab Leads recommend you bring the following supplies and equipment, as possible:

- Handpiece
- Electric waxer
- Bench light
- Hand tools
- Lab knife
- Burs for acrylic models (shaping teeth, etc.)
- Polishing compounds (if specific)
- Calipers
- Boley gauge/mm ruler
- Wire cutters, wire benders/pliers
- Indicating spray.

What to Expect

When patients arrive in the vision clinic, they will have been through Patient Registration and Patient Intake. Patients can be identified by a colored wristband with the date printed on it; patient companions will have a white wristband with the date printed on it.

Once in the Dental Clinic, patients follow this general progression:

See a triage dentist → evaluation + possible x-rays → service need determined (one per day, with limited exceptions) → treatment plan finalized in Triage Review → directed to correct service waiting area.

Important notes: The Triage dentist assesses patient needs, but the final treatment plan is set by Dental Leadership during Triage Review, based on the dentist's findings, patient preferences, and available service capacity. Typically, patients receive only one service per day, except for certain related procedures (like Endo/CEREC, Temporary Partials/Surgery, or Oral Medicine).

On the dental floor we use a colored card system to indicate when: a clinical volunteer is ready for a new patient, for a patient to be retrieved by an escort, need for interpreter support, a station needs to be cleaned/reset, or for dental technician support. This increases efficiency because it minimizes the need to leave the treatment chair. **The dental floor is a busy space with a lot of moving bodies, when using these cards please raise them high in the air.**

Dental Record – Important Steps & Required Documentation

NO PATIENT IS TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITHOUT A PINK DENTAL RECORD. If a patient is missing the form, have them escorted to Dental Checkout so it can be resolved (a sample is available at seattlecenter.org/skcclinic/orientation).

- When you initially meet a patient, please review their health history on the **separate Patient Intake Record in the patient's green folder** to note allergies and any conditions that may require pre-medication before treatment.
- **If you find a serious or threatening condition, please make the patient aware of it and notify the Dental Directors so the patient may be referred for follow-up care.**
- Volunteers should follow the assigned treatment plan, assessing any additional needs using professional judgment, understanding treatment time is approximately one hour per patient. Always consult a Dental Director if treatment plan is unclear, if you feel a modification is needed, or if more urgent care is required.
- Never promise extra services or return visits without authorization.
- Complete all Dental Record sections after treatment (including x-rays). These sections will be reviewed at onsite orientation.

- Document prescriptions and instruct patients to visit the **Dental Pharmacy** before checkout. Offsite prescriptions require a written script. Visit the Dental Director table to get a Clinic prescription sheet.
- **It is our policy not to prescribe opioids.** Volunteer practitioners are advised to use discretion when prescribing opioids and should only do so in extreme cases when absolutely necessary.
- Remind patients it is important to turn in their pink Dental Record at Dental Checkout. Also **encourage them to visit the Healthcare Resources** table near Dental Checkout for information to support their continued care.
- Dental Checkout volunteers will ensure the patient understands any post-care instructions and that their Dental Record is complete before releasing the patient. They will seek providers for clarification as required, please be responsive to their requests.

Student Participation Parameters:

Seattle/King County Clinic is not an accredited educational program. We welcome health profession students however participation in a clinical capacity varies by discipline and student involvement in direct patient care is **limited to the parameters established by Clinic Leadership**. Students, clinical volunteers, and faculty are advised:

- Students should not extend beyond the scope of responsibilities of their registered Clinic assignment, whether clinical or non-clinical in nature.
- Students who are licensed/credentialed in a clinical field should not extend beyond the scope and limits of their current license/credential.
- Licensed/credentialed volunteers and faculty are not permitted to redirect students to any role or capacity beyond their registered Clinic assignment.
- Any questions about the parameters of student participation should be directed to Clinic Leadership.

Emergencies, Injuries & Behavioral Health

- EMT's will be located near the dental floor if you need to access them quickly. After ensuring the person is attended to, please be sure the Dental Directors are aware that an emergency has occurred.
- Notify the nearest Lead in an orange or green t-shirt in the event of any injury or accident.
- Alert a Clinic Lead if you need behavioral health support or security.

Additional Questions?

This document cannot possibly cover all details about the Clinic. Please do not hesitate to direct additional questions to Clinic Leadership. Thank you again for your contributions and compassion!