CODMAN SQUARE HEALTH CENTER
DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Are You a Dental Emergency Patient?

YES … register as a walk-in patient.
- My tooth hurts!
- My face is swollen.
- My denture broke.
- I have mouth/head/neck pain.
- I’m confused or not sure if I am an emergency. (After you register, a dentist will triage you for urgent treatment needs.)

NO … see the dental front desk staff.
- I want a cleaning.
- I want to whiten or bleach my teeth.
- I missed my appointment.
- I need to speak with the dentist.
- I don’t want to wait for my scheduled appointment.

What Can I Expect Today?

Is this treatment FREE?
- NO. If your dental insurance is not fully active, or you have no insurance, you will be asked to make a deposit of $100.00, when you register or prior to being seen by the dentist. Note this deposit does not cover your total costs for this visit.

I want this tooth out today!
- Please know that this will most likely NOT happen today. The majority of emergency patients have active dental infections that require treatment PRIOR to extraction. Your dentist will review all your treatment options.

I need this filling done today.
- Walk-in fillings or tooth restorations are NOT done. You may receive a temporary type filling. You will be asked to make a scheduled appointment for permanent tooth restoration.

So, what are we going to do for you today?
- An emergency dental examination will be completed. Radiographs or x-rays may be taken to aid your dentist in making a diagnosis of your urgent problem. The dentist will explain your treatment options.
- PAIN RELIEF… after diagnosis, your dentist will access your needs for pain management including possible pain medications and/or antibiotics.
- You may be referred to another hospital or specialist for definitive treatment such as evaluation for root canal therapy or urgent tooth removal or extraction.
- If you have a broken denture, expect to be without the denture for several days time during the repair, as your case will most likely require specialized work at an offsite dental laboratory.

We strive to provide the highest quality of dental care. We look forward to treating you today. Whether you are a new patient or returning, welcome to our practice!

Sincerely,

Matthew Horan, DMD
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