

Endodontics Protocol

1. Our goal is to relieve pain and address the most urgent need(s). Please remember this is not like doing dentistry in a dental office where more options are available and the patient has the ability to access a dentist more frequently. This has been kept in mind as the patient went through triage and routing and when determining what care will be provided at the MOM.
2. Please PRINT on the patient charts – DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS
3. Raise your GREEN card to signal a Patient Escort. Greet the patient by the name written on their name tag.
4. Refer to the priority section of the patient form to find out what treatment and which teeth you will be working on.
5. The patients in the clinic will **NOT** be numb when they arrive at your treatment chair. The provider will need to get the patient numb before treatment. While the patient is getting numb you can take this opportunity to go over the post-op instructions.
6. Endo will be done primarily on anterior teeth. Posterior teeth may be done on a case by case basis, with preference given to existing crowns that are serving as an abutment for a bridge. The Endo Lead and the Endodontist should decide this if possible. We are unable to do root canals in posterior teeth that have no crowns.
7. X-rays are available on an as needed basis. There will be a dedicated unit for the Restorative/Endo area but maybe used by other departments as well.
8. There will be limited endodontic instruments and supplies. You are encouraged to bring your own equipment and supplies and check with the Endo Leads to verify what can/should be brought.
9. After the procedure, an amalgam core is recommended for posterior teeth, composite core may be more appropriate for anterior teeth. If you are able to complete that step, you are encouraged to do so. (See restorative protocol.)
10. Once treatment is completed, the provider can bring the patient to one of the data entry computers in your department and answer any treatment questions the patient or data entry volunteer may have. In the meantime, the provider's assistant can turn around the treatment chair for the next patient.