

# Medical Triage Protocol

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1. Please PRINT on the patient charts – DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS
2. Raise your GREEN card to signal a Patient Escort to seat a new patient.
3. Greet the patient by the name on their name tag and begin a review of health history and medications.
4. Take blood pressure and pulse and record findings.
5. Take glucose levels, if appropriate.
6. If blood pressure or glucose readings are not in our acceptable range, the patient may be re-tested. If after monitoring the patient becomes acceptable, the patient can be treated if the maximum number of patients for the day has not been reached.
7. Make sure the entire Medical Triage section of the patient record is complete. Indicate if the patient will need pre-medication. Pre-meds will be dispensed in Routing.
8. When triage is complete, raise your RED card to signal a Patient Escort. Acceptable patients should be taken by a patient escort to the dental triage waiting area.
9. If the patients does not pass qualify under the medical minimums, mark the patient record “NOT TREATED” with the reason why. Raise your RED card to signal a Patient Escort who will escort the patient to the Patient Exit table.

## **MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIMITING TREATMENT**

- Anticoagulation: Patients on ASA or Plavix can have extractions. Coumadin patients need to have an INR within 24H if needing extractions. This can be done on site. For 1-2 extractions cut off is 3.5. For 3 or more extractions cut off is 3.0. Patients on anticoagulants that cannot be measured by an INR (i.e. Pradaxa and Xarleto) cannot have extractions.
- Bisphosphonates :
  - Patients with a history of Oral Bisphosphonate treatment may have extractions at the discretion of the oral surgery/medical triage lead.
  - Patients with a history of IV Bisphosphonate treatment may not have extractions
  - Routine dental care may be provided. Local anesthesia can be used as necessary. Scaling and Prophylaxis as atraumatically as possible with gentle soft tissue management.
- Blood pressure cutoff: 180/100
- Blood sugar cutoff: 300
- Heart Stents – no treatment before 3 months post op – no pre-med necessary.
- Heart surgery – no treatment before 6 months post op or at discretion of medical triage lead, pre-med case by case basis.
- Pregnancy: Should receive hygiene care as indicated. In uncomplicated pregnancy, treatment of symptomatic teeth can be done in all trimesters. Asymptomatic teeth should be treated only in second trimester. Lidocaine only. Multiple extractions will be at the discretion of oral surgery.