

# Oral Surgery Protocol

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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.
2. Please PRINT on the patient charts – DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS
3. 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.
4. Raise your GREEN card to signal a Patient Escort to seat a new patient. Greet the patient by the name printed on their name tag.
5. Confirm patient identity, correct radiographs and treatment recommendations.
6. Refer to the priority section of the patient form to find out what treatment and which teeth you will be working on.
7. Teeth to be extracted include:
  - a. Visibly non-restorable teeth.
  - b. Painful or infected teeth that do not fit MnMOM protocol for endodontic treatment.
  - c. Teeth, in addition to #a and #b above, that would complicate prosthetics fabrication if left in place, as advised by prosthetics.
  - d. Minor pre-prosthetic surgical procedures, (alveoloplasty, exostosis) in patients treated for #a - #c above in order to simplify later prosthetic rehab as advised by prosthetics.
  - e. 3<sup>rd</sup> molars only if visible on clinical examination and carious, infected, or causing acute pain.
8. Any suspected pathology will be evaluated and referred appropriately. No biopsies will be performed.
9. Once treatment is completed, raise your RED card. We will make sure your chart is complete. The provider can bring the patient to one of the data entry computers in your department and answer any treatment questions patient or data entry volunteer may have. In the meantime, the provider assistant can turn around the treatment chair for the next patient. Patients may be provided additional gauze and an ice pack at check-out.
10. If the patient is returning for a lab appointment, please confirm the patient still has the Lab Recall Slip.