

DENTAL APPOINTMENTS CHECKLIST: AFTER THE DENTAL APPOINTMENT

CHECKLIST

Client Nam	e:
	Staff to initial each area as completed. Document any comments related to the completion of each task in ovided. Forward or file completed checklist according to agency protocol.
1.	Discuss new orders/recommendations with the person and answer questions and offer support.
2.	Return to home, work, etc., and make sure administration of food, fluids, medications, and hygiene. Communicate any new orders per facility policy
3.	Follow the dentist's recommendations of a waiting period before allowing the person to chew food and drink hot beverages.
4.	POTENTIAL CHOKING RISK: Exercise caution when the person drinks cold beverages before the numbing sensation from any dental procedure has gone, as the choking risk is greater.
5.	Follow the dentist's recommendations for modification of food texture for the specified amount of time following certain dental procedures.
6.	Follow dentist's recommendations regarding smoking and drinking from a straw following certain dental procedures.
7.	Notify the nurse/supervisor of the outcome of the appointment and discuss any new orders/recommendations and upcoming appointments/procedures.
8.	Make sure all immediate follow-up recommendations are completed (checking for pain, sensitivity, numbness).
9.	Take/fax prescriptions to the pharmacy or deliver. Be sure you have a copy of the prescription for the person's medical record.
10.	Make sure needed medications or supplies are delivered in the appropriate time frame.
11.	Notify the dentist of any delay in medication/supply delivery and inquire whether additional actions need to be taken due to the delay. (<i>Describe this event in the section below.</i>)
12.	Transcribe orders to the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and make sure the orders are double checked by other staff.



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13.	Transcribe orders for monitoring, observation, treatments, and notifications to a treatment sheet and make sure they are double checked by another staff person.
14.	Mark any new appointments or scheduled procedures on the person's daily calendar.
15.	Follow agency policy or physician order for monitoring if sedated before or during appointment including: ambulating with assist and not offering food or drink by mouth until the person returns to baseline.
Comments:	
Staff Complet	ing:Date:



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	mpleted by Nurse, Supervisor, Program Director, etc.
1.	Provide staff training for new dental hygiene/oral care and/or medications.
2.	Designate person to communicate outcome of the appointment with the support team including oral hygiene recommendations.
3.	Support team to address any issues/barriers regarding implementation of recommendations
4.	Make sure revisions to the risk plan are completed as necessary.
Comments	3:

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