

### **3.3.2.5 Periodontal Disease Program for Pregnant Patients**

#### **(a) Policy**

Within the second trimester of gestation, pregnant California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation patients shall receive a comprehensive dental examination, periodontal examination and the necessary periodontal treatment in order to maintain periodontal health during the gestation period.

#### **(b) Purpose**

To establish protocols which prevent or treat gingivitis or periodontitis during pregnancy.

#### **(c) Procedure**

Pregnant patients shall benefit from the periodontal disease program as delineated here and in the Health Care Department Operations Manual (HCDOM), Section 3.3.2.4, Periodontal Disease Program.

##### **(1) Diagnosis of Periodontal Disease**

(A) Pregnant patients shall receive a comprehensive periodontal examination, charting and classification to determine their periodontal condition and an appropriate treatment plan.

(B) Pregnant patients shall have their plaque index (PI) score determined and recorded as outlined in the HCDOM, Section 3.3.2.13(c)(2).

##### **(2) Treatment of Periodontal Disease**

###### **(A) Education**

Methods and procedures to control periodontal disease shall be taught and demonstrated to pregnant patients by dental staff as outlined in the HCDOM, Section 3.3.2.4(c)(2)(C)1.a.

###### **(B) Clinical Treatment**

1. Pregnant patients shall receive a prophylaxis or scaling and/or root planing regardless of their ability to maintain an acceptable PI score. This treatment shall occur within their second trimester of gestation. A charting and re-evaluation of their periodontal condition shall be accomplished approximately 30 calendar days following completion of prophylaxis or scaling and/or root planing procedures with subsequent care planned as needed.

2. The attending dentist shall not utilize subgingival periodontal medications (e.g., Atridox, Periostat) that are contraindicated for use during pregnancy.

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