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1. Introduction

Dental Implants clinical referral guidelines are essential tools for departmental and institution development as well as providing focused care to sieved patients according to their needs and urgency.

This document is written for Dental and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Department at Al Nahdha Hospital and is also part of the Departmental Clinical Referral Guidelines document. This clinical referral guidelines cover dental implants only for Dental and Oral and Maxillofacial specialties in the hospital with clear guidance to the cases eligible and ineligible for referrals, category and mode of referral.

This document is an updated version of previous referral guidelines and is subjected to changes and updates.

2. Scope

This document applies to clinicians and staff handling patients for referral to Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Department at Al Nahdha Hospital.

3. Purpose

This document is intended to provide the following:

- 3.1 Better communication between health providers in different institutions and in-house staff.
- 3.2 Categorizing cases according to urgency, thus providing management with priorities.
- 3.3 Focused care by specialist for eligible cases.
- 3.4 Reducing the ineligible cases referrals, thus reducing waiting list, saving time and resources.

4. Definitions:

- 4.1 Dental Implant:** As loss of teeth is considered one of the functional problems that faces oral surgeons, so it is important to replace the missing teeth to restore the normal function and integrity of the oral structure and prevent subsequent complications.



5. Procedure

5.1 The guideline of Dental Implant treatments in Dental and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is as follows:

5.1.1 Eligible cases for treatment provided by the Ministry, involving surgical and prosthetic phases (subjected to approval after request to Ministry), include:

- 5.1.1.1 Dentofacial defects and loss of dentition secondary to pathologies, e.g. Tumor resections, cysts... etc.
- 5.1.1.2 Cleft lip and Palate patients.
- 5.1.1.3 Syndromic patients associated with defective formation of dentition, partial loss or complete absence of teeth.
- 5.1.1.4 Advanced temporomandibular disease due to occlusal instability secondary to partial or complete loss of teeth and not responding to other prosthetic therapies.

5.1.2 Other cases requiring dental implants and eligible for surgical phase of treatment.

Patients will have to provide the dental implants required for carrying the treatment.

This includes the following cases:

- 5.1.2.1 Cases requiring bone/soft tissue grafting.
- 5.1.2.2 Cases requiring sinus lifting.
- 5.1.2.3 Multiple dental implants.
- 5.1.2.4 Full mouth rehabilitation with dental implants.
- 5.1.2.5 Challenging cases (moderate to complex difficulty), eg. Close proximity to vital structures like inferior alveolar nerve or maxillary sinus.
- 5.1.2.6 Patients with underlying medical conditions requiring special care or hospital based management.

Note: all patients will require to have good oral hygiene.

5.1.3 Cases not entitled for dental implant treatment in the hospital include:

- 5.1.3.1 Patients with poor oral hygiene.
- 5.1.3.2 Physical and mentally challenged patients being unable to maintain good oral hygiene.
- 5.1.3.3 Non-Omani's government employees.
- 5.1.3.4 Non-Omani citizens



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