

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure P-E-06.11

SUBJECT: DENTAL SERVICES FOR PREGNANT INMATES

POLICY: The Department of Corrections is committed to providing necessary care to ensure the health of the mother and her unborn baby, and to promote a healthy delivery. The Department also recognizes the importance of dental health for patients who are pregnant, and will provide services which will promote dental health for pregnant inmates.

REFERENCE: American Dental Association: www.ada.org
OHSU School of Dentistry

PROCEDURE:

- A. On intake the R&D nurse will assess the pregnant inmate's dental needs.
- B. Within 30 days, the pregnant inmate will receive a complete dental exam.
- C. Dental Services will treat as appropriate emergent issues such as inflammatory periodontal disease, or any serious dental disease.
- D. Consultation with the OB/GYN specialist will occur as needed.

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