Dental Referral Pathways for Adults in Hospital

SA Dental

Government of South Australia

Oral health assessment by by non-dental professionals

Oral Health Assessment Tool for baseline assessment **within 24 hrs**

No dental care

> Oral Health Care Plan
> Oral care assistance

Non-acute dental care

> Oral Health Care Plan
> Oral care assistance
> SALHN staff to liaise with FMC Dental Clinic
> For other hospital locations, identify need for post hospital dental referral follow-up in **Discharge Planning**

Acute dental care

> Facial swelling
> Uncontrollable dental bleeding
> Significant trauma to teeth and/or jaw

Community dental care post discharge

Public dental care

Eligibility
Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card

SA Dental Adult Services
Co-payments apply
Waiting list for non-urgent dental care
Emergency care triaged
Contact local Community Dental Clinic (https://www.dental.sa.gov.au/find-a-clinic)

SA Dental Priority Population Programs
No co-payment or waiting list
Homelessness and Oral Health Program (HealthSADSServicePlanning@sa.gov.au)
Aboriginal Oral Health Program (HealthSADSAOHP@sa.gov.au)
Refugee Health Service (RHS) Ph: 1800 635 566

Private dental care

Eligibility
Self-funded
Covered by Private Health Fund
DVA Gold Card Holder

Private Dentist
Contact preferred dentist for an appointment (www.ada.org.au/Find-a-Dentist

Inpatient emergency dental consultation

Business Hours
1. Medical staff conduct oral assessment
2. Contact OMFS RN at Adelaide Dental Hospital (Ph: 8222 8223), referral via EMR
SALHN staff to liase with FMC Dental Clinic

After Hours/ ED presentations
Contact on-call OMFS Registrar at Royal Adelaide Hospital (Ph: 7074 7000)
NB: FMC Dental Clinic closed