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Policy: Preventative Care

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**Policy Statement:**

The Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic will provide preventative care services for all patients.

**Purpose:**

To educate, promote and provide preventative care services. Based on the prevention of disease and early intervention in the disease process. The completion of preventative care is often required before more advanced care such as fillings, crowns, partial can be completed.

**Procedure:**

For adults and children:

- 1) All necessary radiographs diagnosed by the dentist are taken and preliminary charting of the oral cavity is done by the dental hygienist. For patients 18 years and over blood pressure and periodontal probing are completed and recorded in patients records.
- 2) A complete prophylaxis, periodontal maintenance, scaling and root planning are completed by the dental hygienist. A fluoride treatment is given to children 16 years of age and under.
- 3) Thorough oral hygiene instructions are reviewed with the patients.
- 4) The dentist examines the patient and reviews the radiographs. If the patient is diagnosed with periodontal disease several appointments are required to complete the scaling and root planning (S/RP) procedures.
- 5) The dentist discusses the operative work that is necessary, goes over the treatment plan, the benefits of treatment and any other alternatives with the patient (parent or guardian if the patient is a minor).
- 6) Preventative care visits are recommended at three, four, and six month as per recommended by the dentist and hygienist. Patient compliance with recommended appointments is important in the prevention of disease and early intervention in the disease process.
- 7) The patient is scheduled for the next available appointment.