

# NATIONAL HOSPITAL DENTISTRY / ORAL MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY

## National Referral Guidelines

### SPECIFIC NATIONAL HOSPITAL DENTISTRY / ORAL MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY REFERRAL LETTER GUIDELINES

Referrals will be accepted from registered Medical Practitioners or Dentists.

### Eligible Patient Groups and Services provided by the Hospital Dentistry / Oral Maxillo-Facial Surgery Service are-

- Dental services which are an essential part of in-patient medical or surgical treatment
- Dental services which require a hospital admission – e.g. general anaesthesia for dental care and management of acute infection.
- General and specialist hospital dental services for people of all ages needing special care because of medical conditions, intellectual or physical disabilities, mental illness or people with severe dental conditions which are not able to be managed appropriately in the private sector.
- Acute care for people with dental and maxillofacial trauma
- Orthodontic treatment for orofacial abnormality
- Basic dental services for long stay residents of HHSs and any long stay residents who are placed in the community through the de-institutionalisation process and hold a Community Services Card.
- Relief of pain services for adults with a Community Services Card.
- Dental care limited to Community Services Cardholders and only within available resources after other services provided.
- Paediatric dental services when a dental therapist (School Dental Service) or a dentist in dental practice, cannot provide appropriate dental services.

**Note:** Routine paediatric dental care is not available in the Hospital Dental Service.

### Part Charges.

Part charges may apply to dental services received in the Hospital Dental Service.