

## **Consent to Dental Hygiene Patient Acceptance**

As a patient of the MCCC's Dental Hygiene Clinic, I understand that:

1. Treatment proceeds more slowly than in a private office since the services are rendered by students under the supervision of licensed professionals. Completion of procedures cannot be guaranteed in any specific period of time. Generally, preventive treatment appointments are 3 ½ hours in length and patients typically visit the clinic for multiple appointments. Only patients who have time available for the services will be accepted as clinic patients.
2. The Clinic is a safe place to provide and receive dental hygiene care. The Clinic follows the highest safety and professional standards recommended by the CDC, OSHA/OSAP, and the American Dental Association in the prevention of infectious diseases and blood borne pathogens.
3. Students have a certain amount of time set aside to complete their clinical requirements each semester. Their time, like yours, is valuable. You may be dismissed as a clinic patient for any of the following reasons: two or more cancellations, consistent lateness, failure to cancel appointments at least 24-hours' notice, or failure to comply with Clinical and College policies.
4. Services provided are considered preventative and not diagnostic in nature; patients are strongly recommended to seek additional care from a private dentist or dental clinic. This Clinic is limited to preventive treatment(s), which are intended to prevent disease from developing or progressing; they do not replace regular, specialty, or extensive dental care, which diagnoses dental diseases/conditions and provides treatment for those conditions.
5. All records are the property of the College; however, radiographs, study models, and the results of the oral examination may be sent to your private dentist upon request. All or portions of records may be used for teaching, research, publications, and other educational purposes by the College.
6. Treatment is provided in considerate, respectful and confidential manner. Patients are expected to provide accurate and factual information regarding their current and past medical and dental histories, uses of prescription and over-the-counter medications, dietary consumption, and tobacco usage. Medical reviews are conducted at every visit and patients must provide current and factual information so that proper preventative measures and treatment planning is maintained.
7. All services are provided at a standard of care required by the profession. The Program reserves the right to refuse to provide treatment if the patients does not or will not accept recommended treatment and procedures, including radiographs (x-rays). Due to educational and professional standards, the Clinic will not treat patients without current and diagnostic x-rays. You may request your private dentist to share your current x-rays with us. The Clinic will recommend and expose x-rays based on individual patient need, according to professional standards and safety guidelines that minimize radiation exposure to patients.
8. Nominal fees will be charged for services provided. Fees must be collected before services are performed. Fee quotation is available in advance of treatment.

**I agree to these considerations to be accepted as a patient in MCCC's Dental Hygiene Clinic. I agree to provide only factual information on my medical and dental status and authorize the College to perform preventative assessments and treatment procedures deemed necessary.**

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_