



## GUIDELINE

### Dental Services

<b>Scope (Staff):</b>	All Emergency Department Clinicians
<b>Scope (Area):</b>	Emergency Department

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## Dental Services

### Dental Service at PMH

- The Dental Clinic is located on Level 4 of the Charles Moore Building and provides dental treatment for medically compromised children.
- Visiting staff include sessional Dentists, Paediatric Dentists, Periodontists, Orthodontists and Maxillofacial Surgeons.
- Child patients are taken on for continuing dental care if they suffer from a chronic medical condition.
- Treatment at the Princess Margaret Hospital Dental Department is prioritised according to the degree to which a child's medical condition places them at increased risk of adverse outcome if they are treated outside of a Teaching Hospital, and the degree to which their medical condition has associated dental pathology.
- The Dental Clinic staff; however are available for management of any orodental emergency for any child presenting to PMH.
- Dental Department staff are available at all times for consultation on request.

- During clinic hours (0800 - 1600, Monday to Friday) patients may be sent to the Dental Clinic after first contacting 9340 8342 to ascertain that a Dentist is on duty at that time.
  - If the Dentist is unavailable, a request should be made to speak with the Dental Therapist who will then advise what action should be taken.

**Fax number:** 9340 8135.

**Location:** Level 4, Charles Moore building, near the PMH main entrance

- An emergency roster of on-call Dentists is available at the switchboard. This is a 24-hour, 365 day a year service. A dental opinion should be sought if significant emergencies arise out of hours.

## Alternative dental service for ineligible children (non-emergency dental management)

- Children aged 5 years of age or older and enrolled in a government or private school are eligible for treatment via the School Dental Service.
- Dental Therapy Centres are distributed on the campuses of public schools across the metropolitan area and regional centres. All treatment is provided by the service at no charge.
- Children who have a Healthcare Card can access specialist paediatric dental care at the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia. Treatment at the facility is subsidised on a means-tested basis; in some cases treatment may be provided at no charge.
- Any child may seek private dental treatment with a general practitioner Dentist or Paedodontist (paediatric dental specialist). See [Dental Services External to the Children's Hospital](#) document for a list of private dentists.

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## References

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