

Dental Care During Pregnancy: Information for Your Dentist

When you go to your dentist for care during your pregnancy, take this letter with you to give to your dentist. It provides information on safe dental care during pregnancy. If you have any questions, contact your pregnancy provider's office. If you need to talk to someone when your provider's office is closed, call OB Triage at (734) 764-8134.

Special instructions for dental care during pregnancy:

- Make sure the patient is properly shielded when taking dental x-rays.
- You may use local anesthesia, with or without epinephrine, respecting the correct dosage for the pregnant patient.
- You may use acetaminophen for pain management, or a mild opioid such as codeine if necessary. Do not use non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), including aspirin.
- You may use most antibiotics except for tetracyclines and quinolones. Check for medication allergies.
- You may prescribe prophylactic antibiotic treatment according to standard guidelines.

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