

Bleeding Disorders Dental Program

Coordinating Care for Patients with a Bleeding Disorder

This document should serve as a guide for the steps and best practices around scheduling dental work for patients with a bleeding disorder.

Steps for Coordinating Patient Care:

1. The patient will call your dental office to schedule an initial visit. The patient will have been advised by a member of their hematology team to bring the completed form titled "Information for the Dentist" with them to their initial appointment. This form will provide the dental team with in-depth details about the patient's bleeding disorder and medications. The Information for the Dentist form is included on pages 3-4 of this guide and can also be accessed on the West Virginia National Bleeding Disorders Foundation Chapter website at <https://wvnhf.org/support-resources/dental-program/>
2. The dental team will evaluate the patient and prepare a treatment plan.
3. A member of the dental team will contact the patient's hematology team (contact info is listed on the Information for the Dentist form) to coordinate care.
4. The hematology team will create a Bleeding Disorder Procedure Management Plan for Dental Treatment (shown on page 2) which outlines the steps for a safe procedure. The plan will be shared with the patient and your dental office.
5. In most cases, the Bleeding Disorder Procedure Management Plan will guide the patient to treat themselves before and after the procedure so that their factor levels are in the normal range. However, in rare instances, if the patient is unable to self-treat due to disability, age if a pediatric patient, etc., the patient will need to be treated by the hematology team before and after the dental procedure(s). Your dental office will need to coordinate care with the hematology team to schedule a procedure at a time that works for the patient and both offices.

Best Practices for Coordinating Patient Care:

- Plan to schedule dental appointments 2-4 weeks out to ensure the patient has enough time to obtain medications (i.e., factor) needed to self-treat before and after dental procedures.
- Plan procedures earlier in the week in case a complication arises that will need to be managed by the HTC.