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| DENTAL CARE | | | | NO. | |
| Purpose: To provide residents with dental care.  Statement: It is the policy of this facility to provide the necessary tools to provide proper oral care.  Procedure:   1. Dentures will be engraved with the resident’s name on the first day of admission. 2. Social Service will: 3. Assist the resident in making dental appointments. 4. Assist the resident with arrangements for transportation to and from the dentist’s office. 5. Promptly refer residents with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist. 6. Arrange emergency dental services when needed. 7. The resident’s dental care will be described on the Nursing Assistant Care Form. 8. The Nursing Assistant will: 9. Assist the resident with dental care during a.m. and p.m. care, after meals, and as needed. 10. Monitor for loose, missing, decayed, or broken teeth and poorly fitting or broken dentures. 11. Monitor mouth, tongue, and gum for odor, redness, swelling, coating, sores, cracking, or fissures. 12. Report to the Unit Nurse dental and/or oral abnormalities and problems. | | | | | |
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