



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE



BECOMING A PATIENT AT THE UNLV SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE (UNLV-SDM)

The first step in becoming a comprehensive care patient in the School of Dental Medicine is to arrange a screening appointment by calling (702) 774-2400, between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The UNLV-SDM provides care to adults and children from the age of 5 years old. The first visit will be with a dental instructor and a student doctor. No dental treatment will be scheduled for this first visit. A screening examination will be conducted, if you are accepted as a comprehensive care patient there may be a fee at this time. The purpose of this screening examination is to determine if your dental treatment needs can be met by our student doctors. We cannot guarantee that everyone will be assigned to a student doctor for treatment. Many factors influence acceptance as a patient into our educational program, including but not limited to: suitability for the teaching program; your general health; the complexity of your existing dental needs; and time availability for appointments. Depending upon the complexity of your dental needs, some services may be referred to a dentist outside of UNLV School of Dental Medicine.

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status in provision of education or employment opportunities. This policy extends to patient acceptance and patient assignment to student doctors. A request for a student doctor based upon race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap will not be honored and such a request indicates that you may be better served by a private dentist.

BEGINNING YOUR CARE

Once you have been accepted as a patient, you will be assigned to a student doctor to manage your dental treatment. A complete dental examination including all appropriate radiographs, a dental history, a head and neck examination, an oral cancer examination, and a thorough examination of your teeth and oral soft tissues will be conducted. This examination may take more than one appointment and is very important to your treatment. The UNLV School of Dental Medicine is a teaching institution. As a patient, you are a partner in the education of future dentists. We teach future dentists how to provide comprehensive care to their patients. This means that we want to provide comprehensive care for you. Because we are a teaching institution, treatment will take longer, but we will make every effort to provide your care in a timely manner.

YOUR DENTAL TREATMENT

Your student doctor will review with you the findings of this examination and present a plan of treatment. You will also receive information about your treatment options and the cost of the proposed treatment. Your dental treatment at the School of Dental Medicine will take longer than at a private dental office because a supervising doctor is required to evaluate each step during treatment. In exchange for this time, you will receive high quality care at a lower cost. Therefore, appointment lengths may vary, but generally range from two to four hours. To be a patient in the student clinics, you must be able to commit a half day every other

week for your dental treatment. Our students have classes they must attend along with taking care of patients. Their time is limited, and it is important that patients work with their student doctor to meet their appointments. It is your responsibility as the patient or guardian to be aware of your scheduled appointment and arrive on time. Patients who are 15 minutes late may be rescheduled.

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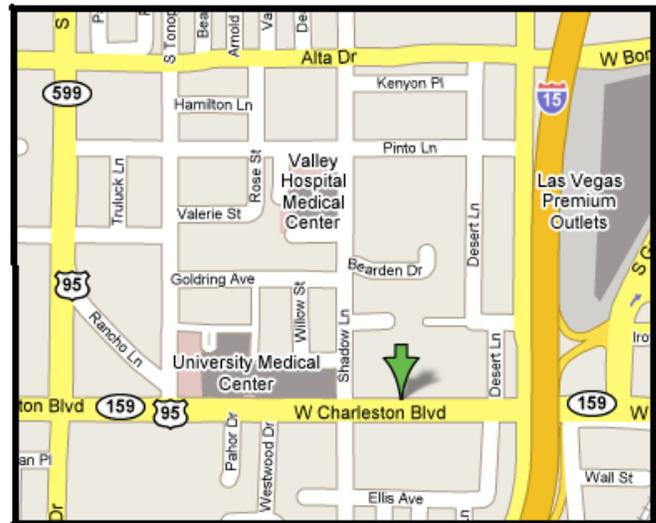
Since the School receives part of its operating budget from its clinical programs, there are patient fees associated with the services rendered. However, these fees in the student clinics are generally less than what one might pay in a private dental practice. Patients are expected to pay for services at the time they are rendered. Partial payment is required in advance for some procedures that generate high laboratory costs. Fees may be paid by cash, check, money order, mastercard, visa, and discover credit cards with appropriate identification.

ORTHODONTIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

In addition to the student general clinics, UNLV School of Dental Medicine offers orthodontic treatment (braces) at an affordable price for patients of all ages. Orthodontic treatment will be performed by licensed dentists under direct supervision of orthodontic specialists. The orthodontic clinic accepts most private insurance plans, as well as Medicaid, and affordable monthly payment plans can be arranged at no additional cost to our patients. Orthodontic screenings are free, and can be scheduled by calling 702-775-2690.

CONFIDENTIALITY & HIPAA

The School of Dental Medicine considers your dental record and the health information it contains to be confidential. We do not release your information to unauthorized people. Our facility follows federal HIPAA regulations to protect this information.



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Screenings

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Orthodontic Clinic (702) 774-2690