



## MEDICAL TRIAGE

### Process

- Volunteers should arrive by 4:45 am or 11:30 am and be ready to work by 5:15 am or 12:00 pm for shift 1 and 2 respectively.
- Volunteers will need to find a seat quickly.
- A brief training/orientation for the first ½ hour of each shift will be provided by the Lead.
- Please assure all equipment in your area is wiped down between patients and at the end of your shift.
- Assure patient form is complete. Use only **BLUE** ink, see Lead. **Please print neat and legibly.**
- Assure all sharps and any bio-hazard materials are deposited into bio hazard bags and containers. **Do not put other trash in bio hazard bags.**
- Wear appropriate personal protection equipment as needed.

**Medical Triage volunteers will obtain a brief medical history on each patient. This should be accomplished within 8 to 12 minutes per patient. Medical Triage should have 16 stations. Please try to see 30 patients per shift at each station.**

### **Medical Triage – Dental/Medical Protocol**

Review pain status and health history for all patients, including those who were pre-evaluated. For dental program evaluation purposes, pain status, tobacco use, and alcohol use must be recorded.

As noted in the chart shown below, patients with blood pressure readings exceeding 180/100 or blood glucose readings exceeding 300 may not be treated in the dental area. These patients should be sent to the medical area first. Complete relevant sections in the additional Medical Patient Form and staple it to the original dental treatment form for any patient who should be seen in Medical.

## Patient Treatment Limitations - Dental

### Patients taking the following medications:

- Warfarin or Coumadin:
  - May have debridement as atraumatically as possible with gentle soft tissue management
  - May **not** have dental extractions
- ASA, Plavix, or other anticoagulants:
  - May have dental extractions **with Oral Surgery lead approval**
- Antiresorptive Therapies (Bisphosphonates):
  - May be provided routine dental care (including local anesthetic)
  - May have debridement as atraumatically as possible with gentle soft tissue management
  - May have endodontic treatment
  - May have dental extractions **with Oral Surgery lead approval**

### Patients with the following conditions:

- Blood pressure exceeding 180/100
  - No elective treatment except for prophylaxis
  - Refer to Medical Department
- Blood glucose exceeding 300
  - No elective treatment except for prophylaxis
  - Refer to Medical Department
- Heart attack, stent placement, or stroke
  - No treatment within six months of the procedure
- First trimester of pregnancy
  - No elective treatment except for prophylaxis

All patients not qualifying for dental treatment should be referred to the Medical Department for consultation and treatment.

PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE and THANK YOU for participating today.