

Special Patient Health Care at Dental Specialties Centers

Abstract

In dentistry, a patient with special needs is considered to be a user with one or more temporary or permanent limitations of a mental, physical, sensorial, emotional, growth or medical order that prevent him or her from being subjected to a conventional dental situation. Patients with special needs have peculiar clinical characteristics and cover a large part of the contingent attended by the Dental Specialties Centers, having a prominent role, among the services provided. The objective of this article was to find out how dental care is performed for special patients in dentistry specialty centers. There are some criteria that must be obeyed when choosing to refer patients with special needs to the dental specialty centers. It was concluded that, due to the complexity of the cases commonly presented, it should be emphasized by the care given in a correct way in the secondary care, at a medium complexity level in the dental specialty centers, in order to provide better conditions for care and concomitantly conditions and quality of life.

Descriptors: Disabled Persons. Secondary Care. Quality of Life.

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