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SCHEDULE D.1

DENTAL THERAPIST SERVICES

1. Level 1

The following services may be provided by a registered dental therapist with appropriate training as a matter of routine:

1.1 Examinations and Radiography

(a) Limited Oral Examination

Including:

(i) Periodontal probing

(b) Expose, develop, mount and read dental radiographs to aid in the diagnosis of hard and soft tissue lesions.

1.2 General and Restorative including caries, trauma and pain control

(a) Intraoral assistance including oral evacuation/suctioning

(b) Application of topical anesthetic

(c) Administration of local anesthetic

(d) Rubber dam clamp and rubber dam placement

(e) Dental impression making

(f) Application and adjustment of pit and fissure sealants

(g) Percussion and temperature sensitivity testing to determine pulp vitality

(h) Finishing and polishing of existing restorations

1.3 Hygiene

(a) Provision of oral hygiene instruction

(b) Provision of coronal polishing

(c) Provision of fluoride treatment

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(d) Scaling

1.4 Orthodontics

- (a) Application and removal of materials to alleviate irritation
- (b) Removal of excess adhesive material using appropriate hand instruments, or ultrasonic or rotary instruments, following banding/bonding or debanding/debonding procedures
- (c) Instruction in the care and maintenance of orthodontic appliances

2. Level 2

The following services may only be provided by a registered dental therapist with appropriate training on an emergency basis (or on a Level 3 basis). When treatment was provided on an emergency basis, it must then be discussed with the responsible dentist to determine what, if any, additional follow-up is required.

2.1 Endodontics

- (a) Pulpotomy – limited to primary teeth only
- (b) Pulpotomy for emergency treatment only – permanent teeth
- (c) Pulp capping

2.2 Restorative

- (a) Amalgam and/or composite restoration
- (b) Placement of retentive pins
- (c) Placement of stainless steel/prefabricated crowns
- (d) Removal of temporary and permanent cements
- (e) Placement and removal of gingival retraction cord

2.3 Oral Surgery

- (a) Erupted teeth – simple extractions (periodontally involved permanent dentition with favourable root anatomy, bone and intact crown in a healthy adult or primary dentition with favourable root anatomy in a healthy child)
- (b) Residual roots, erupted

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(c) Suture placement

(d) Suture removal

3. Level 3

The following treatment may be provided by a registered dental therapist with appropriate training only after treatment planning with responsible dentist:

(a) Soft tissue drainage using an explorer or curette

(b) Recementation of a permanent crown – where crown and tooth are sound

(c) Removing orthodontic bands and bonded attachments using appropriate hand instruments

(d) Surgical extraction of erupted tooth on emergency basis to relieve pain