



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Health

The Bermuda Dental Board

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On call Rotation

The on call rotation is set up by the dental representative at the hospital. All registered general dentists practicing in Bermuda will be on call for the Island 1-3 weeks per year. The rotations is from Monday morning to Monday morning. If you are not available for your assigned week it is your responsibility to trade weeks with a colleague and advise the emergency department of this change.

The rotation is for patients without a dentist on the Island including visitors.

It is not intended for patients of any practice where that practice is not available or to busy to see a patient.

- If your office is not available, please arrange with a colleague to cover for your emergency patients

The hospital will refer all patients with dental needs to the Dentist on call during normal working hours. The hospital usually will see and treat/medicate patients off hours , but may contact the on call dentist at any time. If we do not have hospital privileges we can not work on our own in the hospital.

Your responsibilities are

1. Be available
2. Provide contact information both for office and after hours
3. To see and evaluate the patients. Treatment and referral are up to all dentists discretion and comfort level.

You are not responsible to

1. Provide treatment you are not comfortable with
2. Be put in a situation where you are not comfortable (it is unreasonable to be called into your office at 12AM to see a patient you have never seen)
3. Make prescriptions you are not comfortable doing

As there is little safeguard on the Island to treat those that can not afford treatment we hope you see patients for evaluation regardless of finances. It is each individual's decision to provide

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treatment or not.