

## SCHEDULE “D”

### Definitions:

1. **True dental emergency:** Patients who require emergency care requiring immediate attention in order to minimize the risk of serious medical complications or prevent long-term dental complications, the severity of their condition implies that they are most likely to present to the local hospital accident and/or emergency departments (*Health Sciences North*) (for assessment by oral-maxillofacial surgeon on-call, etc.) with:

- a. Uncontrollable dental haemorrhage following extraction(s);
- b. Rapidly increasing swelling around the throat and/or eye;
- c. Trauma confined to the dental arches and/or craniomaxillofacial structures

Examples of true **dental emergencies** conditions may include the following:

- Craniomaxillofacial trauma and reconstruction (e.g., related to anatomical area of the mouth, jaws, face, and skull, as well as associated structures)
- Oro-facial swelling that is significant and worsening (i.e., Ludwig’s angina)
- Post-extraction bleeding that the patient is not able to control with local measures
- Dental conditions that have resulted in an acute systemic illness or raised temperature as a result of dental infection
- Severe trismus
- Oro-dental conditions that are likely to exacerbate systemic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes)

### 2. **Urgent care dental condition:**

- a. severe dental and facial pain not controlled by self-help or over-the-counter preparation(s);
- b. dental and soft tissue acute infection
- c. traumatic problem(s)

Examples of **urgent care** conditions may include the following:

- Dental and soft infections without a systemic effect
- Severe dental and facial pain that cannot be controlled by the patient following self-help advice and/or over-the-counter medication(s)
- Fractured teeth or tooth with pulpal involvement and/or causing severe pain or soft tissue oral trauma
- Oral trauma including facial/oral laceration(s) and/or dentoalveolar injuries (e.g., root fracture, alveolar fracture, luxation or avulsion of a permanent tooth, etc.) requiring repositioning and stabilization by flexible splint (with acid etch composite resin, etc.)
- Problem with fixed orthodontic appliance(s) causing oral trauma

