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Obstetrics & Gynecology

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Guidelines for Providing Dental Care to Our Obstetric Patients

The following guidelines may be used when providing dental care to our obstetric patients:

- Caregivers should be aware that the patient is pregnant.
- Routine cleanings are advised during pregnancy.
- X-rays of the teeth and jaws may be performed.
- Local anesthetics may be used.
- Pain medications that are acceptable for short-term symptom control during pregnancy include: Tylenol, Codeine derivatives, Percocet (Oxycodone), Lortab (Hydrocodone), or Mepergan.
- Antibiotics that are acceptable for use during pregnancy include: Penicillins, Cephalosporins, Metronidazole, Augmentin, or Erythromycin.
- Nitrous oxide, as an inhaled analgesic, is considered safe during pregnancy.
- Orthodontic treatments should not be initiated during pregnancy, but ongoing treatments may be continued and adjusted.
- Extractions, root canals, or caps may be treated/performed during pregnancy if these guidelines are followed.

We appreciate your assistance in providing quality care to our patients. If you have additional questions, please contact our office.

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