

BMA GUIDANCE – PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH POSSIBLE DENTAL PROBLEMS – DECEMBER 2016

This guidance informs GPs of their obligations to patients either requesting emergency dental treatment or asking for an NHS prescription for drugs recommended by private or NHS dentists. It is aimed at all GPs, including out of hours practitioners.

The section headings in the guidance are:

- Emergency dental services.
- Acute dental conditions.
- Oral cancer/pathology/medicine.
- Oral health and general health.
- Prescribing.
- Recommendations for local arrangements.
- References.

The guidance is available on the BMA website at this link:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/patients-presenting-with-possible-dental-problems>