

DANA-FARBER/BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S



CANCER CENTER



RESTORATIVE TREATMENT

- Restore all carious teeth.
- If caries extends to the pulp, consider endodontic therapy or extraction.
- Whenever possible, consider amalgam restorations rather than composite restorations for posterior teeth or Class V restorations.
- Although your patient may receive between 1200-1400 cGy of total body radiation there is no need to fabricate fluoride trays.

PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

- Your patient will need a dental prophylaxis if s/he has not had one within the last three months.
- Areas with slight (mild) or moderate periodontal disease should receive deep scaling and root planing.

	Slight (Mild)	Moderate	Severe (Advanced)
Probing depths	>3 and <5 mm	≥5 mm and ≤7 mm	≥ 7 mm
Bleeding on probing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Radiographic bone loss	Up to 15% root length or ≥2mm and ≤3mm	16%-30% or >3mm and ≤ 5 mm	> 30% or >5 mm
Clinical attachment loss	1-2 mm	3-4 mm	≥5 mm

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- Teeth exhibiting severe (advanced) periodontitis should be extracted.
- During your patient's hospital stay, which typically lasts 2-4 weeks, s/he will be using a soft toothbrush and rinsing with chlorhexidine.

ENDODONTIC TREATMENT

- All teeth that have received direct/indirect pulp caps or have large restorations should be tested for vitality and endodontically treated or extracted if non-vital.
- Teeth that are *symptomatic* after endodontic therapy or with sinus tracts need careful reevaluation and may require retreatment, surgery, or extraction.
- Teeth with persistent periapical radiolucency (usually < 5 mm) that are *asymptomatic* after endodontic therapy and without sinus tracts *do not require treatment*.

ORAL SURGERY

- All grossly decayed and non-restorable teeth should be extracted.
- All teeth with severe periodontal disease should be extracted.
- Adequate alveoloplasty and primary closure should be performed (when possible).