

DENTISTRY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS

Change words in bold print to words from the glossary section

1. Elderly patients may have difficulties with assessing their pain level **DUE TO** medicines they feel or changed pain sensation.
2. **COLLABORATION** between a dentist and other healthcare professionals is oftentimes necessary while dealing with special needs patients.
3. Dentist must remember that all procedures will **REQUIRE** more time in mentally disabled people.
4. It's common that a patient with special needs will need **ASSISTANCE** of a **CAREGIVER** in a dental office.
5. Autistic patients can't tolerate changes that's why changes of **OUTFIT** or time of the appointment are not recommended.
6. Mentally disabled patients have problems with following a treatment **REGIMENS**.
7. In patients with **IMMUNOCOMPROMISED STATE**, you should **TAKE INTO ACCOUNT** all medicines that the patient uses and all symptoms he/she complains of.

Tick only the pieces of advice suitable for dentists treating autistic children

TIPS FOR DENTISTS

- Offer parents and children the opportunity to tour your dental office, so that they may ask questions, touch equipment, and get used to the place.
- Children with autism like changes. Never use similar uniforms or equipment like during previous visits.
- Autistic children are hypersensitive to loud noises, sudden movement, and things that are felt; they may flap, move and shake their hands.
- Try to make as much as you can during the first visit.
- Make sure there are several people around the unit while you're completing the procedure. The autistic children do not mind crowd.
- There is no need to explain the procedure before it occurs. Praise for acceptable behavior is not useful in this group of patients.
- Once the dental patient is seated, begin an examination using only your fingers. Keep the light out of the eyes.
- Ignore poor behavior.
- Some children will need sedation or general anesthesia so that dental treatment can be accomplished. Sedation of autistic children who are 8 years and older simply does not work.

Match description with a category of special needs

- A. Blindness or impaired vision (7)
- C. Medical disabilities (4)
- E. Psychiatric disabilities (5)
- G. ADD/ ADHD (1)

- B. Deaf/ Hard-of-hearing (2)
- D. Physical/ motor disability (6)
- F. Speech impairment (3)