PATIENTS’ RIGHTS
This patient-focused philosophy of health care is built on the right of the patient to:
- Considerate, respectful and confidential treatment,
- Assurance of continuity and completion of care,
- Access to complete and current information about his/her condition,
- Advance knowledge of the cost of treatment,
- Informed consent,
- Explanation of recommended treatment, treatment alternatives, the option to refuse treatment, the risk of no treatment and the expected outcomes of various treatments, and
- Treatment that meets the standard of care of the profession.

GENERAL INFORMATION – Parking
Parking for our patients will be in the visitors parking area located to the right and left side of the Academic Center.

GENERAL INFORMATION – Guest
Only children who are scheduled patients may enter the treatment area. Children in the reception area must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

DENTAL CLINIC HISTORY
Midlands Technical College Dental Clinic was founded in 1968 by Dr. Ralph D. Levine. Richland Technical Education Center graduated 23 dental hygiene students in 1968. Nine years later in 1977, a class of 22 dental assisting students was graduated. We look forward to serving the public for many years to come.

SOMEONE WHO CARES
If you have any special problems or questions, our dental receptionist is available to help. We want to serve you well. The dental clinic office is located on the third floor, room 321, of the Academic Center, directly in front of the traffic circle on the Airport Campus. You may call 803.822.3450 with your questions or to arrange evaluation appointments.

MISSION
To provide clinical experience for dental hygiene and expanded duty dental assisting students.

To provide oral health education and home care instruction for our patients.

To provide scaling (teeth cleaning) and other oral preventive therapies for our patients.

WELCOME
We are pleased that you are interested in receiving dental hygiene care at our school. Midlands Technical College is a teaching institution. Our goals are to teach allied dental students to provide quality preventive dental hygiene care for our patients and to introduce health care protocols that ensure our alumni practice in a scientifically based manner.

PATIENT SCREENING AND ASSIGNMENT
The information that we collect at your first appointment will be used to assess and evaluate your preventive dental needs. Assignment of a patient to a student is dependent upon the needs of the student.

Appointments are necessary. If you have questions regarding your assignment or care, you may call the dental receptionist at 803.822.3450.
AT THE DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC, THE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CARE FOR PREVENTIVE DENTAL NEEDS. THE ORDER OF YOUR TREATMENT DEPENDS ON YOUR NEEDS AND WILL USUALLY PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Assessment of preventive dental needs
   a. interview
   b. history
   c. examination
   d. radiographs
   e. preventive oral health instructions
2. Presentation of diagnosis
   a. Recommended treatment options
   b. expected cost
   c. time commitment
3. Oral health care
   a. professional cleaning
   b. periodontal (gum) treatment

RECALL SYSTEM
We want to help you keep your mouth and teeth in a healthy, comfortable condition. Once your preventive dental hygiene treatment has been completed, you will be asked to see your dentist for an exam at 6-month intervals. You may also be treated through our recall program at 3 month intervals. You may call the clinic to arrange an appointment for a cleaning and periodic screening by a student. Should you have any other dental problems, you will be referred to a dentist in the private sector for additional treatment.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES – FEES
Our fees for services usually offer substantial dollar savings for our patients. Initial visit payments are made by Cash, Check, VISA, or MasterCard upon arrival at checkin time. Your estimated treatment cost will be discussed with you before any treatment is begun. All the money collected is used to pay the operating costs of the clinic. Students do not receive any of the fees. X-Rays or copies of X-Rays are required before beginning treatment.

INSURANCE
Patients with dental insurance will need to pay for the treatment upon arrival in the clinic, and can then seek reimbursement from their insurance company. The dental clinic does not accept direct payment from insurance companies. A walk-out statement can be used to file client insurance.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES – FEES

DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES AND FEES

RADIOGRAPHS:
- Full Mouth (or) Panograph: 20.00
- Bitewings: 10.00
- PA—individual film: 3.00

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
- Sealants (per tooth): 5.00
- Minocycline Gel (Arestin): 25.00
- Whitening: 90.00

VISA, MasterCard, cash and checks are accepted. Fees are accurate at the time of printing, but are subject to change.

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