**Questions to make sure to ask and document**

**at medical triage/registration**

High blood pressure

Above 180/110 for any dental service is too high. Take opportunity to council but they cant be seen today.

Joint replacement

If anyone has had a joint replaced (hip, knee, or heart valve replacement), they will have needed to have taken their pre-medication or have it on hand to take it that morning. If they do not have or didn’t hake pre-med then we cannot see them at our clinic. If the patient states that they have been cleared by their MD to no longer take the pre med prior to dental services then note the chart and allow them to proceed.

Bone density drugs

If anyone requests an extraction, ask if taking IV or injected bisphosphonate drugs (Reclast, Boniva, Actonel, Fosomax, etc.) If so, state that they may need to see a local oral surgeon/dentist because of concerns about osteonecrosis of the jaw - ONJ. If they choose to wait for a dentist to evaluate then they can certainly do so but may be sent away.

Blood thinners

If the patient currently taking any blood-thinning meds, extractions will most likely not be done for them. In some cases, the dentist may OK an extraction based on what the he/she finds but it would be best to ask and find this out prior to making the patient wait to get to the triage doctor. A dentist must also be consulted prior to sending the guest farther down the registration line if the patient is asking for an extraction, cleaning or filling.

List all medications

* dosage
* frequency

Any previous problems with dental treatment

* excessive bleeding
* bad reaction to local anesthetics