

Your Dental Providers

Rapid City IHS Dental Clinic

Dentists

Dr. Claudia von Hendricks (Chief)

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Hygienists

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Assistants

Maxine
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Tatiana
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Receptionists

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Volunteer Dentists, ADA Volunteer Dentists, Dental Hygienists & other externs

USD Dental Hygiene Students

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Oral Health is Important to Overall Health!

WELCOME to the Rapid City IHS Dental Program, we are glad that you chose us for your family's oral health care.

Routine Dental Care

Since prevention of dental disease is our ultimate goal, we recommend the following:

- Comprehensive oral exam and x-rays
- Dental Cleaning and fluoride treatment
- Sealants
- Preventive (self-care) training

As needed, appointments for additional routine care procedures may be given for:

- Periodontal scaling/root planing (gum treatment)
- Fillings and stainless steel crowns
- Root canal treatment for selected teeth
- Biopsy and excision of pathologic oral tissue lesions
- Extractions (tooth removal)

The availability of appointments for routine care is subject to staff availability.

Dental Exams

For complete dental care it is important to have a complete dental exam. The dental exam consists of: reviewing your medical/dental history, intra/extra oral evaluation of hard and soft tissues, necessary x-rays, evaluation of homecare, identifying levels of disease with teeth and gums, and drawing up a treatment plan for your specific dental needs. The frequency of the dental exam is determined by your dental risk. Please call (605) 355-2260 to find out how to get a dental exam.



Appointments

Please keep your appointments!! If you need to cancel your appointment, please give 24 hours notice so we can fill your appointment.

We want to provide you with the most efficient and highest quality care possible, so we ask that you **arrive on time for your appointment.**

This allows us to update your records, prepare your chart for treatment, and enough time to set-up for your procedure. If you arrive after your appointment time we may need to reschedule.

Responsibility

As the patient, you are responsible for your own dental health. To maintain a healthy mouth we recommend brushing daily with a soft bristled toothbrush, cleaning between your teeth with dental floss or other recommended dental aids daily, and using fluoride toothpaste to protect against cavities. As your dental provider, we will provide you information about oral disease prevention and assist you in obtaining and keeping a healthy smile.

Please be sure to eat a balanced meal and take all medications as prescribed before coming to your dental appointment.

A patient under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the duration of the visit.



Dental Urgencies

Those experiencing an unexpected toothache or dental urgency can be seen on a walk-in basis.

Walk-in clinic **check-in times** start at: 7:30am (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) & 12:30pm on Wednesdays

Our goal is to assess and evaluate everyone who checks-in with the receptionist

The number of patients seen will depend on the number of dentists available and the severity of urgencies that present on a given day.

Children

Children should be seen by a dental provider by **age one** for a dental check-up.

Check with your head start program to see how they can help with your child's dental care.

Parents...

~ Children of all ages need your help with daily brushing and flossing.

~ Good nutrition is important for healthy teeth and gums.

After Hours

If you are experiencing a dental urgency and the dental clinic is closed, you may go to the Rapid City IHS urgent care department to be evaluated.