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I understand that we should not render elective services to patients with herpes simplex but what are the precautions that should be taken when rendering emergency care to a patient with a herpetic lesion?

As a matter of policy, Ask OSAP does not provide medical advice. It is recommended that you consult with a qualified medical doctor on this matter. A qualified medical doctor can provide you with appropriate information on a patient specific basis regarding patient treatment.

Ask OSAP can provide you with some general information on this topic.

The American Academy of Oral Medicine has released a relevant Clinical Practice Statement entitled Subject: Dental Care for the Patient with an Oral Herpetic Lesion which can be accessed at:

http://www.aaom.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=161:clinical-practice-statement--dental-care-for-the-patient-with-an-oral-herpetic-lesion&catid=24:clinical-practice-statement ¹

If you have additional questions about this statement, you may wish to contact the American Academy of Oral Medicine directly.

You may also find information in the following Google search to be of interest:

dental patients with herpes simplex

https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHFX_enUS661US661&ei=aui0W77kD4TK_Qbw8bABA&q=dental+patients+with+herpes+simplex&oq=dental+patients+with+herpes+simplex&gs_l=psyab.12..33i22i29i30.44761.47485..49286...0.0..0.109.695.7j1.....0....1..gws-wiz.....0i71j0i22i30.kWcZJIHHAG4 ²

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1) American Academy of Oral Medicine. Subject: Dental Care for the Patient with an Oral Herpetic Lesion. http://www.aaom.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=161:clinical-practice-statement-dental-care-for-the-patient-with-an-oral-herpetic-lesion&catid=24:clinical-practice-statement Accessed on October 3, 2018.

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