Thank you for agreeing to provide clients for a Dental Rescue day run by the National Dental Foundation (NDF). We will provide dental treatment to your clients at no cost on the day arranged.

Proper dental care can benefit your clients in ways such as relieving pain, raising self esteem and even helping them get back into the work force.

## Arranging appointments for clients

The volunteer dentists and nurses have donated their time to provide thousands of dollars worth of free dentistry. Please respect their commitment by:

* Making sure all clients turn up on time for their appointments.
(If your clients fail to turn up then your charity may be excluded from future days.)
* Making sure all clients have a real need for treatment (see ‘Prioritising clients’ below).
* Making sure all clients genuinely can’t afford dental treatment.
* Making sure you return the filled in history forms at least 1 week prior to the day.

## Prioritising clients

We want to do treatment where it will be most beneficial so please prioritise the clients you send.

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| **High priority** | **Medium priority** | **Low priority** |
| Toothache | Teeth sensitive to hot or cold | Check-up |
| Swelling | Appearance problem | Cleaning |
| Broken or chipped teeth |  | Consultation / advice |

## Treatments we provide

Because of the nature of the day we cannot provide all treatments.

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| **Treatments we provide** | **Treatments we cannot provide** |
| Fillings | Dentures |
| Extractions | Crowns, bridges and veneers |
| Pain relief | Braces |
| Check-ups, advice and cleanings | General anaesthetics |

## Conditions that prevent or limit treatment

There are some situations that stop us being able to treat clients.

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| **No treatment at all** | **Fillings but no extractions** |
| Intoxication with alcohol or drugs | Blood thinners or bleeding disorders |
| Fever | Radiation treatment to head or neck |
| Poorly controlled diabetes | Osteoporosis drugs |
| Dental phobias |  |
| Children under 6 years old |  |