

SODS ER Call Rotation Policy/Procedure Update:

Rogue Regional Medical Center (RRMC)
Providence Medford Medical Center (PMMC)
Ashland Community Hospital (ACH)

Hello SODS Members and Local ER Departments,

First and foremost, thank you to all who have donated their time to fulfill the emergency dental needs of the patients in our valley. As dental society members, we endeavor to provide aid and outreach to our community. For the past several decades, SODS members have volunteered their time and resources by providing care to patients that visit the local emergency departments for their emergent dental needs.

Recent healthcare initiatives and government funded oral intervention programs providing dental care to the underserved in our community have advanced to the point of more than adequate coverage of the hospitals of our valley. After careful deliberation we have reached a conclusion as a society that the SODS ER On-Call Rotation coverage program is no longer necessary.

On March 21, 2017, Dr. Amy Fine, La Clinica Clinic Director, provided a brief synopsis of the systems in the Rogue Valley that meet the needs of the underserved and any patient with emergent dental needs. If you would like information from that meeting please feel free to contact us.

ER Departments: Please continue to refer patients to the patient's dentist of record, first, and then if the patient has no dentist of record, refer to any of the local clinics for emergent dental needs.

SODS Members: If you receive calls or contact from ER departments referring patients to you please indicate to the ER to refer patients to a community Public Health clinic or to the patient's established dentist.

It is our hope this transition will occur smoothly and effortlessly, with as little stress as possible to the ER Departments, the SODS members, but most importantly for the patients we treat.

Respectfully,

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