Dental Treatment Pathway for Older People in the Acute Care Setting

Oral Health Assessment

- No identified need for Dental Care
  - Oral Health Care Plan
  - Oral Hygiene Assistance

- Need for Non-urgent Dental Care identified
  - Oral Health Care Plan
  - Oral Hygiene Assistance
  - Include need for Dental Referral in Discharge Summary

- Need for Emergency Dental Care identified
  - Defined as:
    - Facial swelling &/or
    - Uncontrollable Pain &/or
    - Uncontrollable Bleeding &/or
    - Trauma
  - Note: Need for urgent Dental Review within 24 hours

Dental Treatment Options

Private Provider
- Patient is:
  - Self-funded
  - Covered by Private Health Fund
  - DVA Gold Card holder

Public Provider
- SA Dental Service Treatment
  - Holders of Pensioner Concession or Health Care Cards eligible
  - Contact local Community Dental Clinic for Appointment
  - Waiting List for non-urgent dental needs
  - Co-payment applies

With Dental Clinic ON or NOT ON Acute Hospital Campus
- Request urgent review by RAH Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Unit:
  - 82228223 – RNs (Business hours)
  - (After hours)
  - On Call Registrar
  - Dentist on Call