



American Board of Special Care Dentistry

CRITERIA FOR CASE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE ORAL EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY

Three separate cases are required and should include the following:

1. Appropriate Patient Selection:

The patient must be an individual whose physical, medical, developmental or cognitive conditions limit their ability to receive routine dental care and include at least one of the following (each case should use a distinct category as the primary indication):

- a) Person with a developmental disability
- b) Person with cognitive/intellectual impairment
- c) Person with complex medical problems
- d) Person with significant physical limitations
- e) Person with a social situation that impacts assessment/care
- f) Person with mental health disorder
- g) Vulnerable older adult

2. Limitations/restrictions:

The case should describe how the patient's condition(s) limits their ability to receive routine dental care. It is not enough to say the patient has autism or dementia but how care is impacted. For example: "On initial presentation, the patient would not sit in the dental chair"

3. Facilitation techniques and Treatment modifications:

- a. Assessment of previous adaptations/facilitation techniques used, need for changes and what ultimately worked
- b. Describe pharmacological, behavioral and physical/mechanical facilitation techniques (including medical immobilization and protective stabilization) used to provide safe and appropriate care for the patient
- c. Describe treatment modifications necessary to provide appropriate care

4. Consent/competency/capacity:

How was the patient's capacity and competency to consent for treatment evaluated and how was appropriate consent for procedures, including medical immobilization and protective stabilization obtained if not provided by the patient



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5. Safety:

How was the safety of the patient and staff ensured

6. Patient Autonomy and Cultural Humility:

Describe how patient autonomy and the role of caregivers, guardians and other patient representatives factored into treatment decisions and future maintenance of the treatment provided

Case Presentation Format:

- a. Chief complaint
- b. Medical History, including medical diagnoses, medications, drug allergies
- c. History of present dental problems including factors that may have led to the presenting condition
- d. Dental status including charting of caries, existing restorations, missing teeth, and periodontal probing.
- e. Preoperative radiographs and clinical photos
- f. Dental treatment plan which includes treatment alternatives and why plan was chosen over the alternatives
- g. Narrative addressing above criteria including how treatment was provided, problems encountered during treatment and any modifications to provision of treatment and treatment plan
- h. Post-operative photographs
- i. Maintenance plan for patient and care providers if applicable

Note: cases do not need to be completed but substantial progress needs to be made with an end in sight or explanation why treatment is delayed or will be ongoing.