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DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dear Families,

Please see below details of my **mobile** dental hygiene service. Appointments are in the comfort of the resident's room and involve the following as indicated by individual needs -

- Assessment of oral hygiene status
- Assessment for visible sign of dental caries (cavities)
- Soft tissue pathology check - screening for oral cancers, fungal infections etc.
- Xerostomia (dry mouth check)
- Application of highly concentrated fluoride products used to slow or arrest dental caries
- Cleaning of the teeth - working within the parameters of what the resident is comfortable with and can tolerate.
- Oral Health advise and provision of suitable oral hygiene products
- Assessment of denture fit and cleaning of dentures

The aim of these appointments is to provide comfort and improve quality of life as well as reducing risk of dental and systemic diseases connected to oral bacteria. Respiratory pneumonia for example is the leading cause of hospitalisation for aged care residents and is caused by the ingestion of harmful bacteria from the mouth.

The cost of a mobile dental hygiene appointment is \$295. This is a flat rate and no extra charges will be incurred for therapeutic treatments such as high concentration fluoride varnishes, treatment of dry mouth etc. Recommended oral hygiene products are included.

Residents with full upper and lower dentures can avail of this service for a reduced fee of \$195. It is still important that these residents have oral health appointments. Dentures will be professionally cleaned and denture care products are included in the cost of the appointment.

A short consultation fee of \$60 only will be applicable for any residents who do not consent to having their mouth checked/cleaned on the day.

Many but not all private health funds provide rebates. DVA unfortunately do not cover independent hygienist appointments yet.

Appointments are made directly with resident or next of kin and it is recommended a family member attend the appointment where possible.

Please contact me on brightsmilespro@gmail.com or **0408 000702** should you have any questions or to schedule an appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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