Thank you for your request for information and interest in becoming a patient at the UMC School of Dentistry.

The information contained in this brochure is intended to answer some of the questions you may have about our predoctoral dental program and to assist you in completing an application for an initial appointment.

New Patient Information
2500 North State Street
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More information regarding School of Dentistry programs and news can be found online at:
http://dentistry.umc.edu

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The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry operates a state-of-the-art dental facility to educate future dentists for the state of Mississippi. The school offers a comprehensive range of primary and general dental services to patients accepted for treatment.

Because the School of Dentistry receives part of its operating budget from its clinical programs, there are fees associated with the services rendered. These fees are generally less than one might pay in a private dental office. Your care may take a longer period of time, but you can be assured of personal attention and supervision by licensed faculty dentists. The school takes pride in the quality of care and personal service it provides to its patients. Our dedicated student doctors will provide the majority of treatment, which is always supervised by our dental faculty. The information in this brochure applies to the predoctoral program, where students are trained to become general dentists.

Clinic Hours

Clinics are in operation Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Most appointments with student doctors are scheduled for either 8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Your student doctor can provide information regarding school closures and holidays.

Patient Admissions & Assignments

To become a comprehensive care patient in the predoctoral program at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry, please begin by reading all of the enclosed material carefully. If you are willing to commit to the guidelines, complete the enclosed patient information and the health history forms and return them to the School of Dentistry at 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216. Upon receipt of your application, a representative of the school will call you to schedule an initial screening appointment to determine if your dental needs would be appropriate for our teaching environment. If you have not been contacted within 10 days after returning the completed application, please call (601) 984-6080 or 984-6081.

For the initial visit, a parent or legal guardian must accompany all patients under the age of 18. For safety reasons, no child under the age of 12 will be permitted in the clinic or clinical waiting areas unattended. Children must be at least five years of age to be screened for treatment in the pediatric dental clinic.

The initial visit is a screening examination only. No treatment will be performed during this visit. Fees for the screening examination range from $8 to $30, depending on the type and number of radiographs (x-rays) needed. After the initial screening examination, you will be informed whether or not you have been accepted to be a patient in the student program.

Only patients who qualify as appropriate teaching cases for student doctors can be accepted. If accepted as a patient in the predoctoral program, several appointments are required to complete the diagnostic process and to formulate a comprehensive treatment plan. Therefore, do not expect treatment to begin immediately.

Student doctors have a limited number of patients they may treat. For this reason, it is not always possible to determine how soon treatment may begin.

Patients must be willing to commit to a two-four hour dental appointment every two weeks according to their student’s schedule. Because a significant amount of time may be involved in the treatment process, be sure to consider travel as well as the time commitment involved.

In certain cases, a medical consultation will need to be completed by your physician and returned to your student provider.

Appointments

After assignment to a student doctor, appointments are scheduled directly with your student. Your cooperation and regular attendance are essential and are required so that proper dental treatment can be provided. Patients who fail to make or keep regularly scheduled appointments may be dismissed from the program.

Plan to arrive 15 minutes early for all appointments. Your reserved dental chair may be assigned to another student if you are not on time. If an appointment must be canceled, please give advance notice so that the time set aside can be given to another patient.