



Special Touch Dentistry expands service capabilities in Central Pennsylvania through association with American Dental Concepts.

Thanks to a professional relationship between Special Touch Dentistry and American Dental Concepts, special needs dental patients may now receive chair-side dental care or care under general anesthesia, depending on their specific needs. For caregivers who are unsure which setting would work best, trained dentists at American Dental Concepts will perform an examination or triage to assist the caregiver in determining the best place for care.

Service Description

Special Touch Dentistry is a specialized dental practice dedicated to the delivery of oral health care to special needs residents in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania. This practice is unique in that:

- Each patient is provided a *dental home* so that they receive regular, not just episodic, care from staff with whom they may develop a relationship
- Patients and caregivers receive education to ensure compliance and success with care methods at home
- A care continuum coordinated with the caregiver determines the best type of care for the patient
- Patients have minimal or no out-of-pocket costs for high quality care thanks to participation with most insurance companies

Uniqueness

Special Touch Dentistry offers best practices of dental care designed to meet each patient's medical and dental needs. Using a dental care matrix, a dentist assesses the type of patient preparation, education, clinical care and home care needed. Through this process, patients are placed in 1 of 4 treatment categories. This triage process is reviewed and confirmed with the caregiver or nurse coordinator in a manner that maintains the dignity of the patient and encourages cooperation in the care. The 4 care matrix categories are as follows:

Type 1 – Patients may be mainstreamed at American Dental Concepts— their care does not require any special accommodations

Type 2 – The dentist at American Dental Concepts may require use of behavior management techniques to treat the patient

Type 3 – The patient may be in need of sedation at American Dental Concepts or at Special Touch Dentistry

Type 4 – The patient may be in need of care at Special Touch, requiring treatment under general anesthesia in the operating room

Both American Dental Concepts and Special Touch Dentistry accept Access insurance coverage, and are developing arrangements with the other insurance companies to accept their coverages. In addition, they are both available to accept patients without geographic limits at this time.

If you have questions, or to schedule appointments, please contact either office directly:

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