

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do I need to bring?

A: RAM provides a turn-key clinic experience providing all need equipment and consumables. Bringing your loupes is encouraged.

Q: Does RAM offer endodontic work?

A: Due to the large volume of patients, RAM does not do endodontic work at clinics.

Q: How does RAM handle prescriptions?

A: RAM dispenses antibiotics and over the counter medications on site and provides script pads for additional needs (narcotics not on clinic site).

Q: How does RAM sterilize instruments?

A: RAM follows CDC sterilization and disinfection guidelines for workstations, instruments, and consumables.

Q: What happens in the event of a medical emergency?

A: RAM Clinic Leadership will take over and activate the appropriate response plan.

Q: What are the clinic working hours?

A: Hours vary clinic by clinic. Most clinics start at 6 a.m. and continue into the afternoon. Any time commitment you can make is greatly appreciated.

COVID-19 Precautions in Place

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since our founding in 1985,
Remote Area Medical - RAM®
has served over 905,000 patients,
providing over \$155 Million in
free dental, medical and vision care.*



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Dental Overview



Our Mission:

**To prevent pain
and alleviate suffering
by providing free, quality
healthcare to those in need.**

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Dental Overview

To create a smooth clinic experience, RAM brings designated CORE Volunteers (subject matter experts) who supervise each area, support and orient the team, and troubleshoot the equipment.

Patient Processing

1. Patient health screening.
2. Patients register and receive a Dental form.
3. Medical history and vitals are collected:
 - Patients with a blood pressure greater than 180/100 and or a blood sugar greater than 250 mg/dL, may not receive services and will be sent to the Medical Area for additional evaluation.
4. A dental professional triages the patients.
 - The focus is on acute care.
 - Patients are triaged into three areas: cleanings, fillings or extractions.
 - Due to the large volume of patients, work is limited to two adjacent quadrants and one service (cleanings, fillings or extractions).
5. Dental X-Rays (PAs and bite-wings) are ordered chairside.

Equipment

- A-dec portable units supporting a high speed handpiece, slow speed handpiece, suction, and an air/water syringe tip
- Ultrasonic scalers
- Curing lights
- Head lamps
- Nomad X-Ray units
- Dental and assistant stools
- Amalgamators
- Sterilization equipment (ultrasonics, autoclaves, and assistinas)

Instruments, Supplies & Consumables

- Instruments for restorative, operative, and hygiene services include: elevators, forceps, syringes, composite guns, amalgam wells and carriers, root tip picks, periosteal elevators, scalers, condensers, handpieces, and more.
- Assorted caines and needles, composite materials, amalgam, fluoride varnish, prophylaxis paste and angles, L-pops, etch, bond, and assorted burs.
- PPE including gloves, gowns, masks, face shields, and goggles.

Volunteer Needs

The Dental Area is staffed by volunteer:

- Dentists
- Oral Surgeons
- Dental Assistants
- Hygienists
- Dental support professionals
- General support with BBP training

Laws vary state by state regarding professionals. Please check with the RAM Volunteer Team about compliance.

School Groups

Professional school groups are welcome to attend. Participation is coordinated through the RAM Volunteer Team. Students must work under direct faculty supervision in no more than a 5:1 student to instructor ratio.

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