**PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Patients receiving dental hygiene therapy at the Howard Community College Dental Hygiene Program have the right to...

1. Informed participation in all decisions involving patient’s dental hygiene therapy program.
2. Complete and accurate information concerning the scope of care provided in the dental hygiene clinic.
3. Explanation in layman’s terms of all proposed procedures including possibility of risks and side effects.
4. A complete and accurate evaluation of patient’s condition and prognosis without treatment before giving treatment consent.
5. Designate another person to make treatment decisions for the patient.
6. Identify professional status and experience of all those providing care.
7. Not be discriminated against based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or sexual orientation.
8. All information in patient’s record.
9. Not have any test or procedure designed for educational purposes rather than the patient’s direct personal benefit without the patient’s consent.
10. Refuse any treatment.
11. Privacy of both person and information.
12. Informed consent including the following:
	1. Description of recommended treatment
	2. Description of risks and benefits of recommended treatment
	3. Description of alternatives including risks and benefits of alternatives
	4. Probability of success and what the therapist means by success
	5. Problems anticipated in recuperation
	6. Any other information generally provided by qualified therapist.
13. Comprehensive dental hygiene therapy.
14. Referral to dentist of record for examination and evaluation.
15. Request forwarding of dental records and radiographs to their dentist of record.
16. Expect treatment be delivered as scheduled.
17. Information regarding patient distribution and eligibility for treatment.

It is the intent of the Howard Community College Dental Program at to provide you with the best possible preventive care. Please keep in mind that this is an **educational institution** and **appointments may be longer and more frequent** than what you have experienced in a private dental office.

1. Dental hygiene students will proceed more slowly than in a private office since the services are rendered by students and are carefully evaluated by faculty members.
2. Completion of procedures cannot be guaranteed in any specific period of time. Generally
3. Preventive treatment appointments are two to three hours in length.
4. The dental hygiene student has a certain amount of time set aside to complete their clinical requirements. Their time, like yours is very valuable. We appreciate your being punctual for your scheduled appointment. Failure to keep appointments or tardiness for whatever reason may lead to your dismissal as a patient volunteer.
5. You will be provided with a patient care plan, alternatives, and the option to refuse any care at any time, the risk of not undergoing care, and the expected outcome of various patient care options.
6. While the dental hygiene students are able to provide dental hygiene care services, YOU MUST FOLLOW UP WITH COMPREHENSIVE VISITS WITH YOUR DENTIST. You are responsible for scheduling an appointment with yourdentist for a complete dental exam to ensure comprehensive care.
7. All records are theproperty of the HCC dental hygiene program. We will be happy to forward a copy of yourradiographs to your dentist.
8. Fees will be charged for services provided and are based on covering the expenses needed to provide services. Fees are kept to a minimum, but must be collected when services are rendered.
9. A written copy of this document is available upon request.