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Obstetric patients occasionally require urgent or emergent dental care during the various trimesters of pregnancy. This will give dental providers guidance on the unique aspects of the evaluation and treatment of pregnant patients.

Emergency dental care for dental infection, trauma or pain should be rendered to OB patients regardless of the gestation of the patient. Definitive treatment that can be postponed by temporary procedures that alleviate the patients discomfort may be appropriate if the patient is close to delivery.

1. Radiographic evaluations deemed necessary should be performed with appropriate abdominal shielding.
2. Antibiotic therapy should be used as indicated with specific exceptions of tetracycline and erythromycin estolate.
3. Local anesthetics are approved in pregnancy for emergency dental procedures. Lidocaine with epinephrine is contraindicated during pregnancy. Nitrous oxide should not be used during pregnancy.
4. Oral analgesia is acceptable for use in pregnancy. These medications might include Tylenol or Tylenol with codeine, Percocet, Lortab, Roxicet or Demerol.
5. Patients that require hospitalization for IV antibiotic therapy and/or oral surgery should be admitted to Tripler Army Medical Center, Ward 5B-1 for continuity of care with OB staff.

Thank you for your expertise while providing care for our obstetric patient. Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any questions or clarification of this memorandum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie C Humes".

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