Policy on the Management of Patients with Tuberculosis

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The College of Dentistry does NOT have the proper facilities to treat patients with infectious tuberculosis. Patients with urgent care dental needs should be referred to the University of Illinois Medical Center for treatment.

The following are recommendations issued by the CDC in 2005 that illustrate the safe management of patients with suspected or confirmed TB Disease in settings where they would not be usually encountered, such as the College of Dentistry.

If a patient with Tuberculosis is in the dental operatory no care is to be provided until confirmation of non-infectious status is obtained from a medical provider. All standard precautions must be followed.