

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Dentures	SECTION: D
DATE: September 2004	Administrator: <u>J. H.!</u>	POLICY: 1
REVISION DATES:	Director of Care: <u>Cheryl Allick</u>	

DENTURES

POLICY:

To ensure proper denture maintenance takes place for each resident wearing dentures. Dentures are necessary not only for aesthetics but also for proper nutrition.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) All resident dentures are to be marked for identification upon admission to the Home. This will be done by the Registered Staff on the midnight shift.
- 2) All dentures are cleaned twice per day or more frequently as required with assistance provided according to the resident's ability to manage his / her own care.
- 3) It is expected that all residents will have their dentures in.
- 4) Staff are expected to monitor denture fit and report any ill – fitting dentures to the Registered Staff so repairs can be arranged.
- 5) When residents require dental treatment not provided by the facility, assistance shall be provided to arrange for a referral to dentist or other dental personnel of the resident's choice. The resident or the resident representative will be contacted if payment is required.
- 6) A dental assessment and preventive services (scaling and cleaning, and an assessment to ensure that dentures are properly fitted) performed by qualified dental professionals shall be offered to the residents annually at the Multidisciplinary Care Conference. The Registered Staff and/or Ward Clerk will make any necessary appointments and inform the resident and/or resident representative of the appointment time and any cost that may be incurred.