

## **Dr. Larry Bank and Dr. Valli Meeks- Oral Health Care**

### **Question 1-**

Can you provide a profile for pediatric oral health care?

*The University of Maryland has a child specialist to see the pediatric patients. The services offered are comprehensive dental services (fillings, extractions, cleanings, space maintenance, root canals). Orthodontics are also available if payable by the patient's dental insurance and warranted.*

### **Question 2-**

Is there urgent oral health care provided in the evenings?

*Not at the dental school. There is an evening emergency phone number for patients to call and the patient is either instructed to come in to the clinic first thing in the morning or a call is made as soon as possible. For possible life threatening emergency, patients should go to the hospital. However, I try to give my cell phone number to patients, and I check the answering service at the office in the evenings as well.*

### **Question 3-**

Are there emergency appointments or privileges available to adults?

*Emergency patients can be seen the same day. In addition to our Pratt Street office, we have two associated offices at East North Avenue and Liberty Heights, so patients can be seen immediately. There is a walk-in emergency clinic available on the first floor of the dental school on a first come first serve basis. Emergency appointments are made in the PLUS Clinic schedule with scheduled patients seen first and when an operatory is available, the emergency patient is seated.*

### **Question 4-**

Are there oral health services provided for adults at hospitals in urgent situations?

*Hospitals are primarily limited to giving prescriptions, and usually only for 1-2 days. The patient is usually told to see his or her family dentist.*

### **Question 5-**

Once children age 15-17 are registered in clinic for oral care by their parents, do the parents of children have to be present for the child to receive services?

*If the patient is an emancipated minor, the parent does not have to be there. Someone in authority must consent to the treatment plan before any treatment would be done.*