

FAQ

Does a professional need to bring their own equipment?

RAM provides a turn-key clinic experience, providing all needed equipment and consumables. Bringing your own loupes is encouraged.

Does RAM offer endodontic work?

Due to the large volume of patients, RAM does not do endodontic work at clinics.

Does RAM sterilize instruments?

RAM follows CDC sterilization and disinfection guidelines for workstations, instruments, and consumables.

How does RAM handle prescriptions?

RAM provides antibiotics as requested by providers and dispenses over-the-counter post-operative medications directly on-site. Providers are also supplied with prescription pads for any additional patient needs. RAM does not store or distribute narcotics at its clinics.

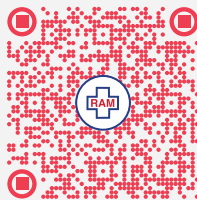
What happens in the event of a medical emergency?

RAM clinic leadership will take over and activate the appropriate response plan.

What are the clinic working hours?

Hours may vary clinic by clinic. Most clinics start at 6 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. Any time commitment you can offer is greatly appreciated.

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Our mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need.

Thanks to volunteers like you, since Remote Area Medical's founding in 1985, RAM has served over 940,000 patients, providing over \$200 million in free dental, vision, and medical care.



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DENTAL OVERVIEW

To create a smooth clinic experience, RAM brings designated CORE Volunteers who supervise each area, support and orient the team, and troubleshoot the equipment.

PATIENT PROCESSING

1 Patients often arrive hours before the clinic and wait in the patient parking lot.

2 Patients register and receive a Dental form.

3 Medical history and vitals are collected.

4 A dental professional triages the patients. The focus is on acute care.

Patients are triaged into three areas: hygiene, restorative, or extractions.

Due to the large volume of patients, work is limited to two adjacent quadrants and one service (hygiene, restorative, or extractions).

5 Dental X-Rays (PAs and bite-wings) are ordered chairside. Pano X-Rays may be available at some clinics.

NOTE

Patients with a blood pressure greater than 180/100 and/or a blood sugar greater than 250 mg/dl will be sent to the Medical Area for additional evaluation. Until elevated vitals have been addressed, patients may not receive dental or vision services.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The Dental Area is staffed by volunteers:

-  Dentists
-  Oral Surgeons
-  Dental Assistants
-  Dental Students (Under Faculty Supervision)
-  Hygienists
-  Hygiene Students (Under Faculty Supervision)
-  Dental Support Professionals
-  General Support with BBP training

**Laws vary state by state regarding professionals. Please check with the RAM Volunteer Team about compliance.*

SCHOOL GROUPS

Professional school groups are welcome to attend. Participation is coordinated through the RAM Volunteer Team. Students must work under direct faculty supervision in no more than a 5:1 student to instructor ratio.

FOR MORE INFO:
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EQUIPMENT

- ✓ A-dec portable units supporting a high speed handpiece, slow speed handpiece, suction, and an air/water syringe tip
- ✓ Ultrasonic scalers
- ✓ Curing lights
- ✓ Head lamps
- ✓ Nomad X-Ray Units
- ✓ Dental and assistant stools
- ✓ Amalgamators
- ✓ Sterilization equipment (*ultrasonics, autoclaves, and assistinas*)



SUPPLIES & CONSUMABLES

Instruments for restorative, operative, and hygiene services include:

- + Elevators, forceps, syringes, composite guns, amalgam wells and carriers, root tip picks, periosteal elevators, scalers, condensers, handpieces, and more.
- + Assorted caines and needles, composite materials, amalgam, fluoride varnish, prophylactic paste and angles, L-pops, etch, bond, and assorted burs.
- + PPE including gloves, gowns, masks, face shields, and goggles.