

Important Questions to Ask Your Dentist

1. Do you and your staff have experience working with patients who have Alzheimer's?

Ask your dentist if they have had any experience working with other patients with Alzheimer's. This can help assure that your loved one is receiving the best care possible.

2. Can you make any special accommodations during appointments if needed?

Since patients with Alzheimer's may be resistant to receive care, or have other health issues, it's important to make sure that they can be accommodated to their needs during their dental appointment.

3. Do you offer any kind of home care or mobile dentistry?

If it is difficult for a patient with Alzheimer's to leave their home or place of care, ask your dentist if they offer any type of mobile or in-home dentistry to help your loved one receive care. If not, ask them if they know of a clinic that does.

4. Are there any dental procedures that may be unsafe for patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

If a patient has any other health conditions, be sure to speak with their dentist and primary health care provider before they go through any dental procedures.

5. Is dental sedation safe for patients who have Alzheimer's?

Dental sedation is safe for most patients, however, if there are any other health issues or conditions, speak with your dentist to ensure that dental sedation is the safest option

6. Do you have any videos, brochures, or books about dental care for Alzheimer's Patients?

As one ages, it may be more difficult for them to maintain a dental care routine. Your dentist may have videos, brochures, or other informational resources to help understand proper dental care for a patient with Alzheimer's.

7. What are some ways you work with patients who are unwilling to receive care?

Patients with Alzheimer's may forget the importance of a healthy mouth and become reluctant to receiving care. There are plenty of ways to help them and asking your dentist is a great place to start on working with your loved one on their dental care routine.