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Guiding patients through the Caries Risk Assessment Form empowers them to make informed decisions that extend beyond dental care. Research links oral health diseases to other serious health conditions. By prioritizing cavity prevention, your practice protects smiles and promotes systemic wellness.

Follow this effective four-step process to ensure patients feel included, informed, and motivated about their health!

Risk & Disease Discovery

Upon check-in, front desk team members should present the CRA Form and say:

"Dr. Smith would like you to fill out the top section of this form to help identify your cavity risk. Your dental professional will discuss more during your appointment."



This completed form becomes an effective icebreaker and conversation starter in the operator, emphasizing the importance of reducing cavities for overall health.

Risk Identification

When the patient enters the operator:

"Thank you for completing the Risk Assessment Form. Our goal is to improve your oral health, which plays a major role in your overall health. Understanding your risk helps us provide personalized recommendations and preventive strategies tailored specifically to your needs."

Use the Patient Education Guide to visually explain how various factors increase or decrease cavity risk.



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As you review the CRA Form discuss risk factors they filled out:

"It appears your risk factors include [list specific risk factors]. These factors increase your likelihood of developing cavities. If we can change or address these, it's often the simplest way to lower your risk. If changes aren't possible or desirable, there are other treatment options we'll discuss."

Step 3: Treatment Options and Recommendations

After determining the patient's risk level from the completed CRA Form, communicate clearly:

High Risk Patient

"After reviewing your risk factors and dental history it appears you are at high risk for future cavities. I am happy to discuss with you how we can get that risk level down to prevent future decay and get you on a path to better health. It's also important to know that having a higher level of harmful bacteria in your mouth can lead to other oral health issues, like gum disease and inflammation, which can affect your overall health, including your heart. The good news is, we have a way to help you get healthy. Would you like to discuss the recommendations specific to your risk level?"

If **yes**, show the Treatment Options.

If **no**, respond with:

"That's okay! If you decide you'd like more information later, please let me know."



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If **yes**, show the Treatment Options.

"We recommend you start using the Treatment Rinse and Pro Gel 5000. They work together to reduce the bacteria and shift your oral environment from a diseased state back to a healthy one along with remineralizing the enamel of your teeth to strengthen and protect against future cavities. If you combine these products with flossing, and good habits at home [mention other risk factors if necessary], you will start to see and feel the results in 3-6 months [mention adding our pH elevated, xylitol Spray to their regimen if they are frequent snackers or drink acidic beverages]."

If **no**, respond with:

"That's okay! If you decide you'd like more information later, please let me know."

Moderate Risk Patient

"After reviewing your risk factors and dental history it appears you are at moderate risk for future cavities. I am happy to discuss with you how we can get that risk level down to prevent future decay and get you on a path to better health. It's also important to know that having a higher level of harmful bacteria in your mouth can lead to other oral health issues, like gum disease and inflammation, which can affect your overall health, including your heart. The good news is, we have a way to help you get healthy. Would you like to discuss the recommendations specific to your risk level?"



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If **yes**, show the Treatment Options.

"We recommend you start using the Maintenance Rinse and Pro Gel 5000. They work together to prevent harmful bacteria along with remineralizing the enamel of your teeth to strengthen and protect against future cavities. If you combine these products with flossing, and good habits at home [mention other risk factors if necessary], you will start to see and feel the results in 3-6 months [mention adding our pH elevated, xylitol Spray to their regimen if they are frequent snackers or drink acidic beverages]."

If **no**, respond with:

"That's okay! If you decide you'd like more information later, please let me know."

Emphasize complementary benefits:

"CariFree products are scientifically designed to actively reduce harmful bacteria and support beneficial ones. They include three key components:

- **pH Neutralization:** "CariFree products have a pH between 8-11, neutralizing harmful acids and creating a healthier environment for beneficial bacteria."
- **Sodium Hypochlorite** (Treatment Rinse): "This reduces cavity-causing bacteria, encouraging the return of beneficial bacteria."
- **Nano-Hydroxyapatite** (CariFree Pro Gel 5000): "This remineralizes teeth with minerals identical to those naturally found in tooth enamel, reversing early decay."



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Reassessment Protocol

Discuss treatment duration and financial considerations:

"Typically, high-risk patients require 3-6 months of treatment. Given your specific needs, we recommend about 6 months, or two rounds, each costing \$____, totaling around \$____. Investing now can significantly reduce future restorative costs by preventing further decay, putting you on a path to long-term health.



If a patient expresses concern about cost, it can be beneficial to walk them through the financial investment, time commitment, and potential discomfort associated with restorative treatment. Consider providing these general estimates:

Average 3-year Restorative Treatment Plan for High Caries Risk Patient:

\$8k-\$11k (*This cost varies significantly depending on location, insurance coverage, and severity of the decay. Some advanced restorative needs like implants or bridgework could increase costs further if extractions are necessary.)

With Caries Risk Management and CariFree Treatment:

\$3k-\$5k (treating active decay in year one and adding CariFree treatment. Minor maintenance restorative treatments year 2 & 3 + CariFree treatment)

3+ years the goal is for patients to remain cavity-free and would only incur the cost of CariFree treatment and maintenance.



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Finally, invite participation:

"Would you like to start with these treatment products?"

If no, reassure the patient:

"No worries, we'll continue to reassess at each visit to monitor your cavity risk closely. You can let me know if at any time you change your mind."

If yes, demonstrate product usage clearly and provide detailed instructions.



Always keep the choice patient-driven, offering the CRA Form and patient brochure as helpful resources.