

NABH Accreditation for Dental Clinics

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In this world of growing competition and Google generation patients are aware about quality of dental services that should be provided to them. Hence, patient's expectations have increased.

Earlier, forces like corporate growth, medical tourism and insurance were only limited to Hospital industry, with the growing awareness of Dental health quality of Dental clinics is also taken under consideration by the patients.

Quality assurance in dental services has led to formation of NABH- 'National Accreditation Board of Hospital and Healthcare providers' for Dental setups as well. NABH is said to be the benchmark status of quality in India. It is a government board of Quality Council of India; it's been set up to form and regulate accreditation programs for healthcare organisations. The board is structured to furnish all the needs of the customers and to set standards for progress of health industry. The board is supported by all stakeholders who include industry, consumers, government while having full functional autonomy in its operation.

Dental Healthcare Service Providers Accreditation

NABH has introduced Accreditation Standards for 'Dental Healthcare Service Providers (DHSP)' including Dental colleges, Dental Hospitals and clinics. The dental standards according to NABH are created considering the Indian ethics and work environment in mind. The main focus of the standards is on safety of patients, quality care, knowledge, training of staff and environment protection.

NABH accreditation can be applied by Dental hospitals with one chair setup to dental hospitals having inpatient facility. Benefits of accreditation are that they enable organizations in demonstrating commitment for quality of care and patient safety. Accreditation of a health care organization encourage continuous improvement thereby leading to improved clinical outcomes. It also raises confidence of community among patients as the services are provided by qualified and capable staff. It even provides opportunity to dental healthcare setups to gauge with best. An accreditation promotes medical tourism. Accreditation also ensures objective system of selection under numerous schemes of government also the insurance agencies.

Heads of 'Dental Healthcare service programs' include Patient and Outline centered standards. Details of which is given on the official website.

For application of NABH accreditation one can submit online application on the official website. Copy of standards can be purchased online from the NABH official website, NABH also offers various training and awareness programs to help out the professionals for the same.

NABH accreditation to Dental Facility and all other healthcare organizations in non-discriminatory manner not talking consideration of the legal status, ownership, size and degree of independence. The Dental Facility which is going to apply should conduct self-assessment against NABH standards after reinforcing for about 3 months before submitting the application and must also ensure that it collate with NABH Standards.

Reference

1. Dental Healthcare Service Providers Accreditation Programme.
2. National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) Introduction.

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