



**RHODE ISLAND  
ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION**

## **RI MISSION OF MERCY FREE DENTAL CLINIC**

**Over 4,025 patients served since 2012**

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens  
can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*~Margaret Mead*

### **Dental /Medical Volunteer FAQ's**

#### **I have difficulty in standing and walking for extended periods of time. Will I still be able to volunteer?**

Absolutely! We have a number of volunteer positions which can be performed while sitting. Please let us know of any concerns you have on your registration application and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. If you find you are unable to perform your assigned duties, just let us know and we will see where we can utilize your talents and contributions.

#### **Can I bring my own dental assistant or will one be provided for me?**

You are encouraged to bring your own assistant, **they must register individually**. There is an area on the registration form that allows you to name your assistant. Please try to register for the shift so we can accommodate your request. Dentists are encouraged to have their entire office register. This is a great opportunity for you to volunteer as a team. We have plenty of opportunities for everyone in the office to help. Dentists without their own assistant will be provided an assistant upon arrival to the clinic.

#### **What are the standards for Personal Protection Equipment?**

All dental health care personnel engaged in direct patient-care in the operatory area must use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (e.g., gloves, masks, protective eyewear or face shield, and gowns). All PPE should be removed before leaving patient-care areas. Masks should be changed between patients and disposable gowns when visibly soiled or penetrated by other potentially infectious materials. RIMOM supplies gloves, cone and ear loop masks, and disposable gowns.

**Please bring your own safety glasses.**

#### **Can I bring my own instruments and supplies?**

In past years personal instruments were encouraged; but due to compliance issues, we can no longer allow outside instruments and materials in the clinics.

Please note: We have vastly increased the number and type of instruments available.

#### **Do I need my own liability insurance coverage me while at RIMOM?**

Most professional liability coverage will cover you while at RIMOM, please check with your carrier for verification.

**RIMOM has insurance in place that will cover those without their own coverage.**

#### **I am a dental professional, but do not have an active license to practice in the state of Rhode Island.**

##### **Can I volunteer at RIMOM?**

Yes you can!! The Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry can grant a temporary volunteer license for the duration of the 2 day event. Follow our link on the Medical & Dental volunteer page to download the application. **Please note that the application is time sensitive.**

##### **Can I receive CE credit for volunteering at RIMOM?**

The Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry permits you to claim CE credit for up to a maximum of four (4) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained for community service, such as RIMOM.

**You will need to keep track of your hours** so that you can self-report to the Board of Examiners in Dentistry in the case that you are audited. **RIMOM will only provide you with a certificate stating that you volunteered.**

**What should I wear?**

Typical dress for dental personnel is scrubs. Otherwise, dress is casual — whatever is most comfortable for you. Remember to wear comfortable and supportive, closed-toed shoes and long pants!

All volunteers will be given an RIMOM t-shirt, or scrub top, and are required to wear it during the clinic

**Will there be food available for volunteers at RIMOM?**

Yes, RIMOM provides volunteers with plenty of delicious and nutritious food free of charge. Volunteers will be given breaks by their area lead. Everyone should plan to eat or drink in the designated volunteer break area. If necessary, clinical staff may have beverages in the clinic as long as they are discreet.

**Will there be designated parking for RIMOM volunteers?**

Yes. You will receive a parking pass via email, which you can print and bring with you to the event, upon arrival you will be directed by parking attendants.

**Is there a place to store my personal belongings?**

Unfortunately there are no secure areas in the clinic for your personal belongings. We suggest locking them in your car