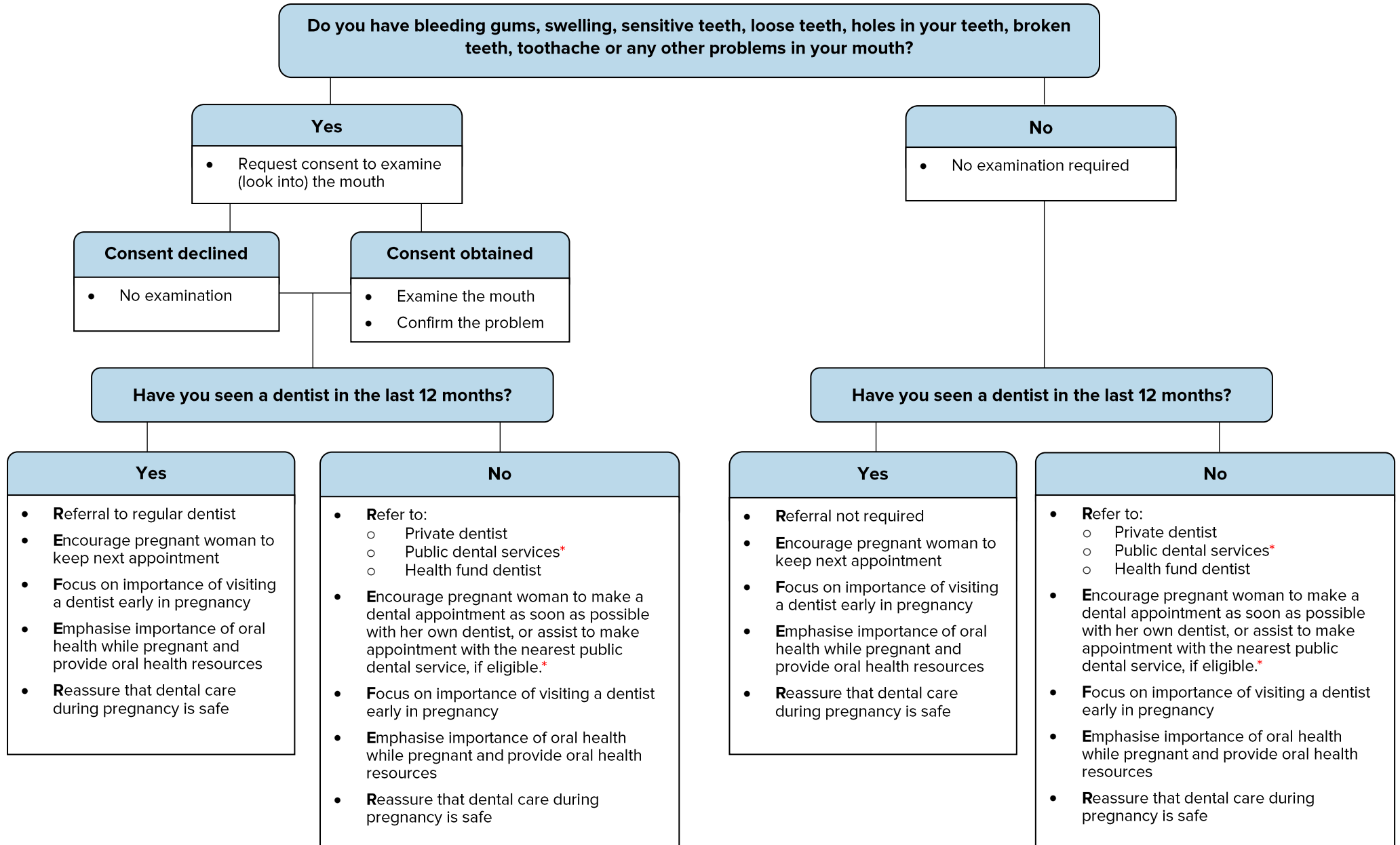


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*See Victorian public dental service eligibility and access information on the next page

Public dental service eligibility for Victorian pregnant women

Victorian pregnant women are eligible to use public dental services if they are:

- Over 13 years of age and hold a healthcare or pensioner concession card, or who are dependants of concession card holders
- Under 18 years of age and in out-of-home care provided by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (including kinship and foster care)
- In youth justice custodial care
- A refugee or asylum seeker
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Some pregnant women under 17 years may be eligible under the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefit Schedule. Visit the [Services Australia website](#) for more information.



If you are unsure of your client's eligibility, you can use Dental Health Services Victoria's Eligibility Tool: [Eligibility Tool | dhsv.org.au](#)

Priority access for pregnant women

Pregnant women who are eligible to use the public dental service have priority access. This means they will not be put on the general waiting list and will be given the next available appointment. There might still be a short wait until the next available appointment.

Find a public dental service

- Search online: [Clinic location search | dhsv.org.au](#)
- Call (03) 9341 1000 if living in the Melbourne metropolitan areas or 1800 833 039 for outside of metropolitan Melbourne.

What does it cost to use the public dental service?

A small fee applies to adult pregnant women who are Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holders. Free dental treatment is provided for:

- All children aged 0–12 years
- Young people aged 13–17 years who hold a healthcare or pensioner concession card, or who are dependents of concession card holders
- All children and young people in out-of-home care provided by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, up to 18 years of age (including kinship and foster care)
- All people in youth justice custodial care
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Registered clients of mental health and disability services with a letter from their case manager or special developmental schools
- People experiencing financial hardship.

Please note: fees may apply if specialist care is required.

For more information, visit [dhsv.org.au](#) or scan the QR code:

