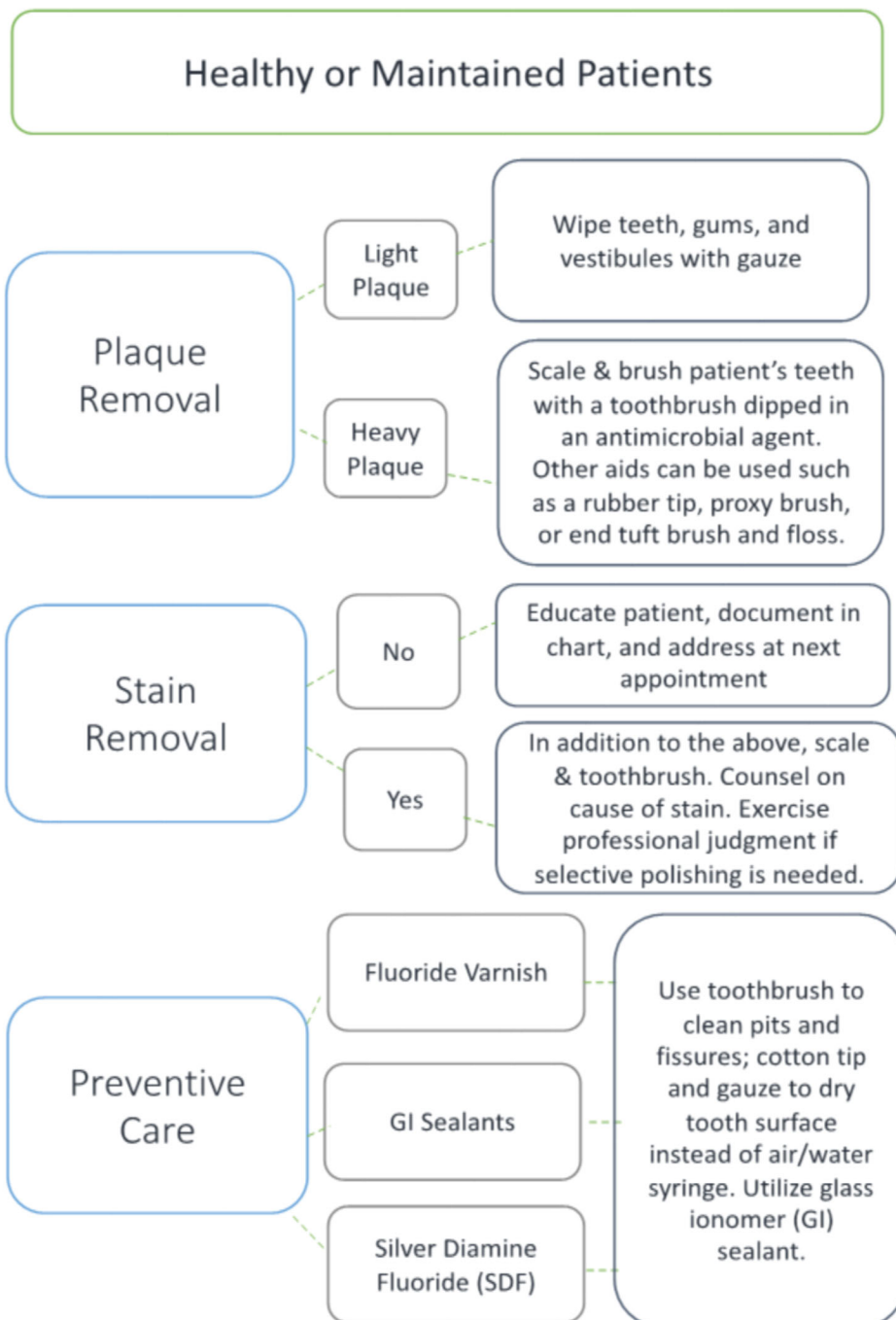


## Interim Protocol for Preventive Dental Care During COVID-19 in Public Health Settings: Reducing Aerosols and Educating Patients

### Recommendations for educating patients:

- Explain selective polishing and the causes of stains. Counsel patients with tobacco stain and refer to CA Smoker's Helpline: <https://www.nobutts.org/>.
- Communicate the changes in the procedures to reduce aerosols.
- Discuss the role of an antimicrobial rinse prior to a procedure.
- Encourage healthy habits including daily flossing and brushing 2x day for 2 minutes with a fluoride toothpaste and healthy diet.



Note: Avoid or limit polishing on patients presenting with active gingival inflammation; this may exaggerate or worsen chances of bacteremia.