

Supplies Needed for Dental Brigades

Below is a list of supplies that are needed in order to run a successful brigade. Dental professionals are encouraged to help student volunteers obtain these supplies, especially the ones that require a dental professional to obtain.

Supplies available for purchase in country for Honduras brigades

Supplies (* need dentist to obtain)	Amount for three brigade days with one local dentist	Per additional dentist including hired
Lidocaine 2% or Septocaine 4%*	3 boxes	3 boxes
Non-epinephrine injection 3%*	1 boxes	1 box
Short dental infiltration needles (30G)*	100	50
Long dental infiltration needles (27G)*	100	50
Topical analgesic with cotton-tipped applicators*	1 bottle	1 bottle
Fluoride gel/foam 1.23%*	2 bottle	
Fluoride trays (size XS, S, M)	300 total	

Supplies that cannot be purchased in country

Supplies	Amount for three brigade days with one local dentist	Per additional dentist including hired
Sharps container	1 big or 2 little	1 small
Absorbable 3-0 sutures*	1 box of 10	
Prophy paste or large tubes of toothpaste	2 tubes	
Disposable scalpels	10	
Extraction tools, including hemostats and scissors	As available	
Hydrogen peroxide	1 bottle	
Alcohol swabs or alcohol with cotton balls	1 box	
Gauze sleeve (2x2 non-sterile)	5 sleeves	3 sleeves
Surgical masks (ear-loops preferable)	1 box of 50	1 box
Dental bibs	100	100
Dental bib holders (disposable)	100	100
Scapels	10	
Dental Cotton Rolls (purchase at dental store or online)	10 packs	6 packs

Sterilizing spray or wipes (Cavi wipes, Lysol, etc.)	2 tubes	
Toothbrushes	900	
Tubes of toothpaste (small)	900	
Dental floss	900	
Scissors	1	
Large surgical drapes/plastic table covers	9	2 additional
Irrigating syringe	5	5
Saline solution for irrigation	1 bottle	
Paper Towel Rolls	12	1
Small disposable cups or Dixie cups	300	50
Ziplocs bags Quart + Gallons	300	
Dental puppet/mouth to demonstrate	1	
Box of tissues	2 boxes	
Duct tape	2 rolls	
Hand sanitizer	4 bottles	1 bottle
Small gloves (mix of non-latex)	3 boxes	1 box
Medium gloves (mix of non-latex)	3 boxes	1 box
Large gloves (mix of non-latex)	3 boxes	1 box
Heavy duty gloves (dishwashing)	3 pairs	
Kitchen timer for sterilizing instrum.	2 timers	
Large trash bags	20	
Clipboard	2	1
Pens	3	1
Markers	2	

Extra Donations and Wish List

Dental Brigades is continually trying to expand the program in many ways, and if you have some items that you wish to donate, or know someone or a company that may be of help please let us know! Below is a list of things we are consistently trying to gather.

- Composite
- Phosphoric acid
- Bonding
- Sealant material
- Amalgamators



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- Amalgam
- Portable Curing lights
- Portable x-ray panoramic
- Pressure pots for sterilization
- Sterilizing liquids
- Extraction tools
- Syringes
- Burs (especially diamond)
- Goggles (or other eye protection)
- Headlamps or overhead lamps
- Extension cords
- Power strips
- Portable dental chairs
- Portable units & compressors
- Suction pumps
- Low-speed hand piece
- High-speed hand piece
- Larger mirrors (for looking at restorations)
- Spanish educational posters/pamphlets/videos

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