DENTAL CHAIRSIDE GUIDE FOR MCI: ADAPTATIONS

Communication	Prevention	Treatment
Use simple, one-step instructions; allow extra time for a response	Simplify home care to the essentials; involve caregiver when helpful	Prioritize comfort, function and patient goals over "ideal" restoration
Speak directly to patient, even if caregiver is present	Consider prescription-strength fluoride products to offset increased risk	Minimize number and length of visits when tolerance is limited

An appropriate treatment plan for patient with mild cognitive impairment should consider:

- Clinical evidence
- Patient preferences
- Insurance status
- Functional ability
- Treatment burden
- Quality of life
- Available support



Continue to involve the patient in decisions that support their oral health, comfort, and dignity over time.