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NEW CODES ARE IN GREEN

EXISTING RELATED CODES ARE IN BLACK



Code Does Not Mean Payment

1. Procedure becomes more common
2. ADA creates (then often edits) procedure code
3. Carriers add to their fee schedules
4. Carriers actually start reimbursing for it

Watch for limitations!



“Not in the room when it happened”

D07XX*

- D0701: Pano
- D0702: Ceph
- D0703: 2-D Photos
- D0704: 3-D Photos
- D0705: Extra-oral posterior radiograph (extra-oral bitewings)
- D0706: Occlusal
- D0707: PA
- D0708: Single BW
- D0709: FMX

- D038X: CBCT capture without interpretation
 - *Best not to create “D” codes for procedures not billed to insurance; use “N” codes



“Not in the room when it happened”

“Tele-Dentistry”

D9995: Teledentistry- synchronous; real-time encounter

D9996: asynchronous; information stored and forwarded

D0391: interpretation of diagnostic image by a practitioner not associated with the capture of the image (including photograph)



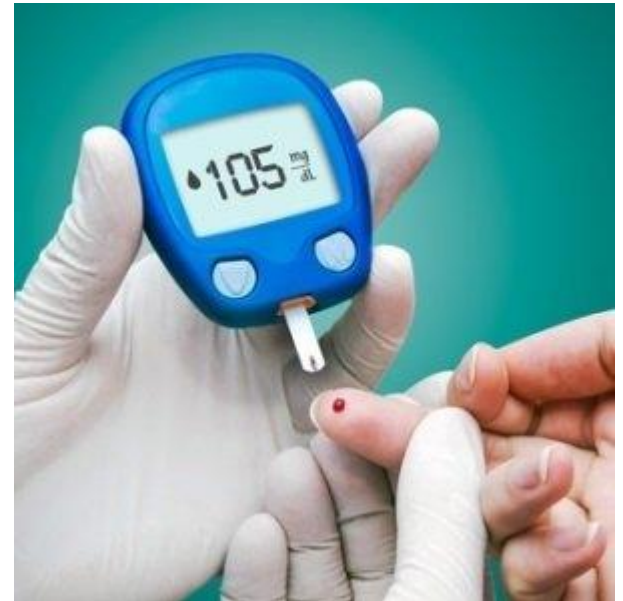
In-Office Medical Tests

D0604: COVID Antigen

D0605: COVID Antibody

D0411: HbA1c

D0412: Blood sugar / glucometer



Revision: Prophy Codes Include Implants

D1110: Adult

D1120: Child



“The new mixed dentition”



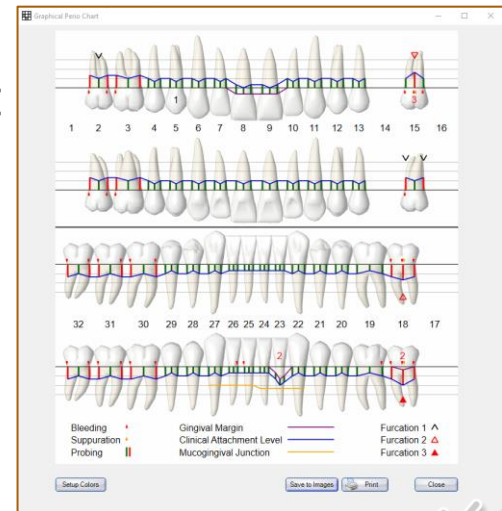
Revision: Comprehensive vs Periodic Exams

D0120: Periodic exam; determine any changes; includes oral cancer evaluation

D0150: Comprehensive exam; significant changes or absent for 3+ years; includes oral cancer evaluation

Can still itemize oral cancer evaluation, just cannot charge for it

Don't forget your old friend, D0180 Perio exam for new or established patients; beware of possible frequency limitations



Prevention

D1321: Substance abuse counseling

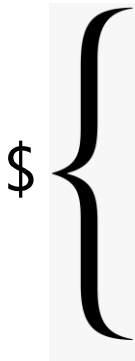
- D1310: Nutritional counseling
- D1330: Oral hygiene instruction
- D1320: Tobacco counseling



D9971: Odontoplasty ("disking" vs D9951??)

D1355: Caries preventive medicament – per tooth

- D1354: Interim caries arresting medicament – per tooth
- D0601: Low caries risk assessment
- D0602: Moderate caries risk assessment
- D0603: High caries risk assessment



- https://www.cda.org/portals/0/journal/journal_102007.pdf

- D1352: Preventive resin restoration; perm tooth; mod to hi caries risk

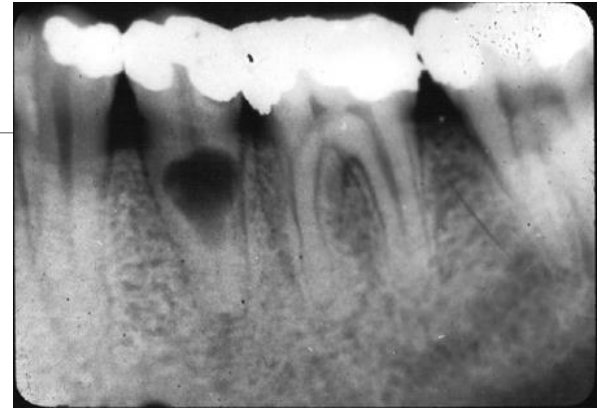
ADA American Dental Association American leading advocate for oral health			
Caries Risk Assessment Form (Age >6)			
Patient Name:		Date:	
Birth Date:		Initials:	
Age:			
Contributing Conditions:		Low Risk	High Risk
Check or Circle the conditions that apply			
I. Fluoride Exposure (through drinking water, supplements, professional applications, toothpaste)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
II. Sugary Foods or Drinks (including non-carbonated, non-carbonated soft drinks, energy drinks, medical syrups)	<input type="checkbox"/> Primarily at mealtimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not primarily at mealtimes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent or prolonged exposure <input type="checkbox"/> Not frequent or prolonged exposure
III. Caries Experience of Mother, Caregiver and/or other Siblings (for patients ages 6-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> No caries lesions in last 36 months <input type="checkbox"/> Caries lesions in last 36 months	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Caries lesions in last 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> Caries lesions in last 6 months
IV. Determined (includes parent or proxy, receiving regular dental care in a dental office)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Clinical Conditions:			
Check or Circle the conditions that apply			
I. Special Health Care Needs (developmental, physical, mental or mental disabilities that prevent or limit performance of adequate oral health care by themselves or caregivers)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (over age 14)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (over 14)
II. Chemotherapy Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
III. Eating Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
IV. Medications that Reduce Salivary Flow	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
V. Drug/Alcohol Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Check or Circle the conditions that apply			
I. Cavitated or Non-Cavitated (Incipient) Carious Lesions or Restorations (usually or independently restored)	<input type="checkbox"/> No new carious lesions or restorations in last 36 months <input type="checkbox"/> New carious lesions or restorations in last 36 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 new carious lesions or restorations in last 36 months	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more carious lesions or restorations in last 36 months
II. Teeth Missing Due to Caries in past 36 months	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
III. Visible Plaque	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
IV. Abnormal Tooth Morphology that compromises oral hygiene	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
V. Interproximal Restorations - 1 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
VI. Exposed Root Surfaces Present	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
VII. Restorations with Overhangs and/or Open Margins, Open Contacts with Food Impaction	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
VIII. Dental/Orthodontic Appliances (Fixed or removable)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
IX. Severe Dry Mouth (Xerostomia)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Overall assessment of dental caries risk: <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High			



Endodontics

- D3471: Repair of root resorption – anterior
- D3472: Repair of root resorption – premolar
- D3473: Repair of root resorption – molar
- D3501: Surgical exposure without repair or apicoectomy – anterior
- D3502: Surgical exposure without repair or apicoectomy – premolar
- D3503: Surgical exposure without repair or apicoectomy – molar

Delete: D3427



Surgery

D7993: Extra-oral implant

D7994: Zygomatic implant

D7961: Labial frenectomy

D7962: Lingual frenectomy

Delete: D7960



"Direct" vs "Indirect"

~~"Chairside" vs "Laboratory"~~

Many prosthetic codes have been edited to include new nomenclature

Direct is fabricated in the mouth

Indirect is fabricated out of the mouth

- (but not necessarily out of the office)
- A cad/cam restoration is still an indirect restoration even if done in one visit



Periodontics & Implants

D5995: Medicament carrier – max

D5996: Medicament carrier – mand

Delete: D5994

D6191: Semi-precision implant abutment – placement

D6192: Semi-precision implant attachment – placement

Old code but still use: D6091: Replacement of male or female attachment

Delete: D6062



Restorative

D2928: Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown – permanent tooth

- (we have an existing code D2929 for a primary tooth; these are available pre-fabricated in zirconia)

“Semi-Permanent” Provisional Crown [\(Clinicians Report; Feb 2020\)](#)

- D2390: Resin crown for anterior tooth
- D2799: Provisional crown



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