

How do you define a healthy patient?

How do you define an unhealthy patient?

AAP estimates for incidence of periodontal disease

Why the low numbers for 4000 codes?

- Under-diagnosing?
- Under-treating?
- Not including risk assessment?
- Practicing based on tradition?

D1110 – Adult Prophylaxis (Continuing Care) – Removal of plaque, calculus and stains from the tooth structures in the permanent and transitional dentition. It is intended to control local irritational factors.

D4341 & D 4342 (1-3 teeth per quadrant) SRP or (Periodontal Therapy) – Instrumentation of the crown and root surfaces of the teeth to remove plaque and calculus from these surfaces. It is indicated for patients with periodontal disease and is therapeutic, not prophylactic. Root planing is the definitive procedure designed for the removal of cementum and dentin that is rough, and/or permeated by calculus or contaminated with toxins or microorganisms.

D4910 PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE (Supportive Periodontal Therapy) - Procedure is instituted following periodontal therapy and continues at varying intervals, determined by the clinical evaluation of the dentist, for the life of the dentition or any implant replacements. It includes removal of the bacterial plaque and calculus from supragingival and subgingival regions, site specific scaling and root planing where indicated, and polishing the teeth. If new or recurring periodontal disease appears, additional diagnostic and treatment procedures must be considered.

D4355 FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT TO ENABLE COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION AND DIAGNOSIS - Gross removal of plaque and calculus that interfere with the ability of the dentist to perform a comprehensive oral evaluation. This preliminary procedure does not preclude the need for additional procedures.

D4999 NON-SPECIFIED PERIO CODE WITH REPORT

* reimbursement not guaranteed – use this for submitting Sonicare to insurance or flex account

D1203 - In-Office Child Topical Fluoride - Prophylaxis Not Included (swish, trays – not varnish)

D1204 – In-Office Adult Topical Fluoride - Prophylaxis Not Included (MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT IF NARRATIVE OF “CARIES ACTIVE” OR “MODERATE-SEVERE DECAY PRESENT”) (swish, trays – not varnish)

D1205 – In-Office Topical Fluoride w/ Adult Prophylaxis –(CODE WAS DELETED IN 2007)

D1206 – Topical Fluoride varnish for moderate to high caries risk adult or pediatric patients (not for desensitization)

D9910 - Desensitization code

“Suzanne, I’m sure you are aware that recent research indicates a strong relationship between the mouth and the body. Since we now know how closely they are related, I am going to be asking you some questions about your family history and your overall health that we may not have asked you about before.”

5 Risk Factors

Caries

Periodontal Disease

Take-Away

1)

Don'ts

Do's

“I feel...”	“You have...”
“I found...”	“Do you see this?”
“We found...”	“You have...”
“We need to get this scheduled”	“Do you want to treat this disease?”
“We’ll need 4 quadrants of SRP”	“Periodontal therapy”
Minimize “little bit” “some”	Moderate, severe, advanced... Infection

Disease resolution	Disease remission
Home care	Daily disease control
Bleeding	Hemorrhage
Suppuration	Pus
Insurance coverage	Insurance benefit, insurance reimbursement, insurance assistance
	Today's visit is going to be different
	Healthy gums don't bleed
	We now know...

- "Today is going to be different"
- "As a part of your appointment today, I'll be doing a series of screenings at Dr's. request."
- Remember highest number and lowest numbers
- Healthy gums don't bleed and ...we now know
- IOC when bleeding so dentist sees tissue at its worst
- Office alignment: Can't use a super-duper prophy to treat periodontal infection!
- Tissue health also imperative for RESTORATIVE success
- 1110 can be provided as a preliminary procedure prior to
- non-surgical therapy
- 4342 allows for localized therapy

2)

- RDH examines restorative first – then perio
- Doctor examines perio first – then restorative
- Everyone in the practice is in alignment with language
 - Don't own the patient's disease
 - Practice language with each other then with patients
 - Diagnosis changes everything
- Treating symptom of disease without addressing underlying infection / risk is a recipe for failure and frustration
- Set patients up for success with home care products
- Protect your dentistry and patient's investment through home care
- No once doesn't mean no forever

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ACTION:	WHO:	TARGET DATE:
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3)		

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