


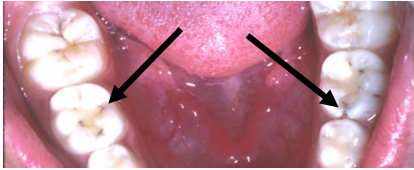



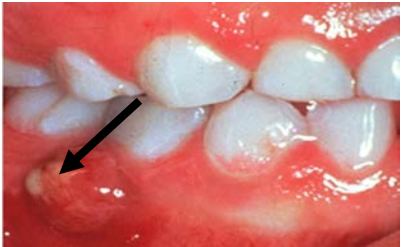






DENTAL REFERRAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The CHDP classification of treatment needs is a tool for referring children for dental services.

If a problem is suspected or detected, on line 02 - "DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL" enter code 5 in "Problem Suspected" columns C or D. In "Comments/Problems" section, describe the condition and classify using Class II, III, or IV. Enter dentist's name/phone number in "Referred To" box.

<p>CLASS I: NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEMS (no decalcification, caries, or gingivitis)</p> <p>If child has not seen a dentist in the last 6 months, check box "Routine Referral Dental".</p> <p><u>Referrals required beginning at age one (1).</u> Refer every six (6) months for maintenance of oral health.</p>		
<p>CLASS II: MILD DENTAL PROBLEMS (white decalcification/initial decay, small carious lesions, or gingivitis)</p> <p>The patient is asymptomatic. Condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral. Write "02-Class II" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>	 <p>White Decalcification/Initial Decay</p>  <p>Small Carious Lesions</p>	 <p>Mild Gingivitis</p>
<p>CLASS III: SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS (large carious lesions, abscess, extensive gingivitis, or pain)</p> <p>Urgent dental care is needed. If abscess suspected ensure that child is seen within 24 hours. Conditions can progress rapidly to an emergency. Write "02-Class III" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p> <p>For a <u>severe</u> medically handicapping malocclusion or craniofacial anomaly refer child to a dentist or California Children's Services (CCS). Write "02-Class III" and describe condition in "Comments/Problems" section.</p>	 <p>Large Carious Lesions</p>  <p>Early Childhood Caries (ECC)</p>	 <p>Abscess</p>  <p>Extensive Gingivitis</p>
<p>CLASS IV: EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED (acute injury, oral infection, or other painful condition)</p> <p>Immediate dental referral is required. Write "02-Class IV Emergency" and describe in "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>	 <p>Acute Injuries</p> 	 <p>Oral Infection/Cellulitis</p>