

MORE Care: Medical-to-Dental Caries Referral Recommendations

INTRAORAL EXAMINATION RESULTS:

REFERRAL DESCRIPTION:

SUGGESTED ICD -10 CODES:

↑ AT RISK ↓
↑ LOW RISK ↓



EMERGENT REFERRAL: Pain/swelling; possible infection. The dental referral appointment should be as soon as possible if ICD-10 **K12.2** is used.

Z00.121 Encounter/routine child examination w/abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders

K02.9 Dental caries

K12.2 Cellulitis and abscess of mouth

K08.8 Other specified disorders of teeth and supporting structures



URGENT REFERRAL: If active cellulitis/abscess is not observed, complete the referral **within 5 days** to lower broken appointment rates and optimize therapeutics. Observation of soft tissue anomalies or oral cancer.

**Referral managed with the same workflow/process as urgent referrals for similar specialty medical care.*

Z00.121 Encounter/routine child examination w/abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders

K02.9 Dental caries



DIRECT REFERRAL: Caries activity visible as white spots or small brown areas. Patient lacks a dental home. Patients lacks or has limited access to oral hygiene products for home care. Referral **within 10-20 days** will optimize buy-in and timely care. Currently pregnant.

**Referral managed the same as any medical specialty referral.*

Z00.129 Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders



MAINTENANCE REFERRAL: Low risk patients; healthy teeth, following good home health care. When necessary, referral includes recommendation to visit dental provider [verbal referral and dental care team list to patient]. Verify dental care appointment at next medical visit.

**No referral is necessary for patients with a current dental home.*



MORE Care: Medical-to-Dental Periodontal Referral Recommendations

INTRAORAL EXAMINATION RESULTS:

REFERRAL DESCRIPTION:

SUGGESTED ICD -10 CODES:

↑ AT RISK ↓
↑ LOW RISK ↓



EMERGENT REFERRAL: Pain/swelling; obvious inflammation; possible infection. The dental referral appointment should be as soon as possible if ICD-10 **K12.2** is used.

Z00.121 Encounter/routine child examination w/abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders

K02.9 Dental caries

K12.2 Cellulitis and abscess of mouth

K08.8 Other specified disorders of teeth and supporting structures



URGENT REFERRAL: If active cellulitis/abscess is not observed, complete the referral **within 5 days** to lower broken appointment rates and optimize therapeutics. Observation of soft tissue anomalies or oral cancer.

**Referral managed with the same workflow/process as urgent referrals for similar specialty medical care.*

Z00.121 Encounter/routine child examination w/abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders

K05.1 Chronic gingivitis



DIRECT REFERRAL: Tartar & Plaque accumulation; Inflammation visible as dark or bright red areas along the gum line. Gingival tissue loss/necrosis as gum line recession. Patient diagnosed with diabetes. Patient lacks a dental home. Patients lacks or has limited access to oral hygiene products for home care. Chronic or concomitant disease or disorder resulting in significant risk of caries activity. Referral **within 10-20 days** will optimize buy-in and timely care.

**Referral managed the same as any medical specialty referral.*

Z00.129 Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings

Z13.84 Encounter for screening for dental disorders



MAINTENANCE REFERRAL: Low risk patients; healthy gingival tissue, following good oral health care at home. When necessary, referral includes recommendation to visit dental provider [verbal referral and dental care team list to patient]. Verify dental care appointment at next medical visit.

**No referral is necessary for patients with a current dental home.*



This chart from the MORE care project shows pictorially what teeth look like for immediate, within 5 days, within 5-15 days, and routine maintenance referrals. The ICD 10 CM code K12.2 in your EHR should bring up an alert or direct form for emergent referral. Risks are now categorized as "At Risk" and "Low Risk".