

New IHS Oral Health Status Rating Will Help Flag At-Risk Patients

The IHS Oral Health Status (OHS) metric - an overall oral health “rating” for each patient - is ready to be deployed with the latest upgrade release of the Dentrix Enterprise Electronic Dental Record (EDR) program, version 8.0.9.

The IHS OHS metric will be used within the IHS EDR system currently deployed in 242 IHS dental clinics. It uses standardized dental metrics assessing four basic oral health parameters:

1. Caries status.
2. Soft tissue condition (oral cancer, etc.)
3. Periodontal disease.
4. Abscessed teeth.

Also included are risk factors that affect oral health, to help identify patients for whom preventive measures can be selectively provided.

Risk factors included in the OHS assessment:

1. Caries Risk.
2. Smoking.
3. Diabetes.
4. Dry Mouth.

IHS OHS classification categories:

Class 1: Excellent Oral Health

Class 2: Moderate/Good Oral Health

Class 3: Compromised Oral Health; Urgent care recommended

Class 4: Poor Oral Health; Needs immediate evaluation / care

OHS Oral Health Score - Patient Name & Age (Standard Patient Title Bar)

Patient Oral Health (dental provider [objective] observations)

1. Was a complete examination including charting of abscessed teeth, carious lesions and needed restorations completed at this appointment? No Yes

No

When was the date of last complete exam? Last Exam: 01/23/2019 6:35 PM N/A

Number of remaining teeth: 29

Are there any abscessed teeth? No Yes

Do any teeth require immediate treatment/restoration? No Yes

Estimate how many teeth have active carious lesions: 0 1-3 4-10 10+

2. Are any teeth identified for extractions due to caries, periodontal disease or abscesses? No Yes

Soft Tissue Exam

3a. Any definitively diagnosed oral or pharyngeal cancer? No Yes

3b. Any abnormal oral lesions indicated for biopsy? No Yes

4. Community Periodontal Index (CPI) 5. Active Caries Depth Metric

Accept Previous Entry? No Yes

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CPI Status		
1-5	6-11	12-16
0	0	0
28-32	22-27	17-21
1	3	0

Last Update: MM/DD/YYYY

Active Caries Depth		
1-5	6-11	12-16
0	0	0
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Patient Oral Health Risk Factors

6. Caries Risk: Unspecified

7. Smoking: Unspecified

8. Diabetes?: Unspecified

9. Dry Mouth?: Unspecified

OHS Excellent
Updated MM/DD/YY

OK

A patient’s Oral Health Status classification will ‘expire’ after two years of no OHS update. These patients will be listed as classification 6 (unknown health status). The program will list patients that were previously identified as OHS classification 4 in a classification 5 category to allow identification of patients at urgent need for dental treatment for another twelve months. After this additional twelve months, they will be listed as classification 6.

Note: The IHS Division of Oral Health (DOH) has a robust oral health surveillance program and the OHS metric will not replace it. However, the IHS OHS metric combined with the Dentrix electronic dental record program will allow clinics to identify individual patients in their population who require urgent dental care, as well as identify individual patients with specific disease risk factors that need appropriate recall to prevent or control dental disease.