

GG0130B. Oral Hygiene

B. Oral hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. Dentures (if applicable): The ability to insert and remove dentures into and from the mouth, and manage denture soaking and rinsing with use of equipment.

Assessment Timepoints

Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.

Oral Hygiene Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

Included:

- Cleaning of teeth and dentures (and gums if edentulous).
- Management of items and equipment used to brush teeth and gums and clean/soak dentures.
- Insertion and removal of dentures.

Excluded:

- Walking to/from activity location.

Coding Tips

Oral hygiene identifies the patient's ability to clean teeth using suitable items. It includes the patient's ability to insert/remove dentures and to manage the soaking and rinsing of dentures with the use of equipment, if applicable.

Activity Performance Codes

- 06 – Independent.
- 05 – Setup or clean-up assistance.
- 04 – Supervision or touching assistance.
- 03 – Partial/moderate assistance.
- 02 – Substantial/maximal assistance.
- 01 – Dependent.

Coding Scenarios

Each row in the table below describes an oral hygiene scenario. In each scenario, statements 2 and 4 identify key elements that inform the coding of **GG0130B. Oral hygiene**. The correct code is provided at the end of each scenario.

Coding Scenarios for GG0130B. Oral Hygiene

| | Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 | Statement 4 | Code |
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| Scenario 1 | Patient R. has peripheral neuropathy affecting the dexterity in their hands. Before bedtime, the CNA provides steady assistance as they walk to the bathroom. | The CNA applies toothpaste onto the toothbrush and leaves the bathroom. Patient R. then brushes their teeth at the sink without physical assistance or supervision. | Once Patient R. is done brushing their teeth, they wash their face and hands. The CNA returns and assists them to bed. | The CNA returns to the bathroom, rinses Patient R.'s toothbrush, and puts away the oral hygiene items. | Code 05 |
| Scenario 2 | Patient B. is admitted after a recent stroke that resulted in functional and cognitive limitations. | Patient B. is able to brush their teeth at the bathroom sink but is unable to initiate the task on their own, requiring verbal prompts. | Patient B. uses an adaptive toothbrush. | The OT remains at Patient B.'s side and provides verbal cueing during the activity until they complete the task of brushing their teeth. | Code 04 |
| Scenario 3 | Patient Z. is recovering from a severe traumatic brain injury. The CNA assists them into the bathroom. | The CNA applies toothpaste onto the toothbrush and hands it to Patient Z., who stares blankly at the toothbrush and sets it down. | Patient Z. turns to leave the bathroom. | After redirection from the CNA, Patient Z. still does not engage in brushing their teeth. The CNA completes the activity of oral hygiene. | Code 01 |

Additional Clinical Considerations

- The activity of oral hygiene may be completed with or without the use of assistive device(s).
- If the patient is edentulous (without teeth), code according to the type and amount of assistance the patient needs to complete the activity.