

Hygiene Perio Services Explosion Codes

In effort to maximize efficiency and continuity of care among hygiene providers, a best practice is to set up explosion or multi-codes for hygiene procedures. Below are common examples used in practices.

Gingivitis

Suggested Explosion Code Abbreviation: **GING**

- ☐ **D0180:** Comprehensive periodontal evaluation new/established patient
- ☐ **D0350:** Intra Oral Image **MUST document bleeding
- ☐ **D4999.d:** Laser decontamination full mouth – to reduce inflammation
- ☐ **D4346:** Scaling in the presence of inflammation
- ☐ **D4921:** Subgingival irrigation with antimicrobial agent
- ☐ **D1206:** Fluoride varnish to reduce post-op sensitivity.
- ☐ **D1330:** Oral Hygiene Instruction, home care regimen, and post-op
- ☐ **D9630:** Drugs or medicaments that are dispensed in a dental office for patients to use at

Localized Perio Therapy (1-3 teeth)

Suggested Explosion Code Abbreviation: **SRPL**

- ☐ **D0180:** Comprehensive periodontal evaluation new/established patient
- ☐ **D4342:** Scaling and Root Planing localized ** MUST document tooth numbers
- ☐ **D4999.c:** Laser curettage of embedded pathogens in pocket (for each tooth)
- ☐ **D4921:** Subgingival Irrigation with antimicrobial agent (by quadrant)
- ☐ **D1206:** Fluoride varnish (to reduce post-op sensitivity)
- ☐ **D1330:** Oral Hygiene Instruction, home care regimen, and post-op
- ☐ **D9630:** Home medicaments dispensed from office

Generalized Perio Therapy (full quadrant)

Suggested Explosion Code Abbreviation: **SRPG**

- ☐ **D0180:** Comprehensive periodontal evaluation new/established patient
- ☐ **D4341:** Scaling and Root Planing by quadrant **MUST document each quadrant completed
- ☐ **D4999.c:** Laser curettage of embedded pathogens in pocket (each quadrant)
- ☐ **D4921:** Subgingival Irrigation with antimicrobial agent (by quadrant)
- ☐ **D1206:** Fluoride varnish (to reduce post-op sensitivity)
- ☐ **D1330:** Oral Hygiene Instruction, home care regimen, and post-op
- ☐ **D9630:** Home medicaments dispensed from office

Perio Maintenance Recare

Suggested Explosion Code Abbreviation: **PMRC**

- ☐ **D0180:** Comprehensive periodontal evaluation new/established (when completing Perio charting)
- ☐ **D0120:** Periodic oral evaluation (without Perio charting)
- ☐ **D4999.d:** Laser decontamination and bacterial reduction full mouth
- ☐ **D4910:** Periodontal Maintenance Recare
- ☐ **D1206:** Application of Fluoride varnish (Perio = High caries risk)
- ☐ **D1330:** Oral Hygiene Instruction, and review home care regimen.