



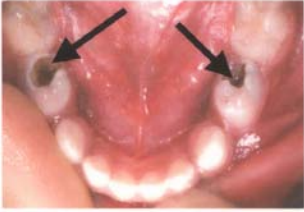








# DENTAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The American Dental Association's "Classification of Treatment Needs" is a tool to use when referring children for dental services. If a problem is detected or suspected, on line 02 - "DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL" enter code 5 in the "Problem Suspected" columns C or D. In "Comments" section describe the condition and classify using Class II, III or IV. Enter name and phone number of the dentist in the "Referred To" box.

<p><b>CLASS I: NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEM</b></p> <p>No problem visualized. If child has not seen a dentist in the last 12 months check box "Routine Referral-Dental".</p>		
<p>Appears Healthy But Needs Routine Referral</p>		
<p><b>CLASS II: MILD DENTAL PROBLEMS</b></p> <p>Small carious lesions or gingivitis and the patient is asymptomatic. The condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral. Write "02-Class II" in the "Comment/Problems" section of PM160.</p>		
<p>Small Carious Lesion</p>		<p>Gingivitis</p>
<p><b>CLASS III: SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS</b></p> <p>Large carious lesions, chronic abscess, extensive gingivitis, or a history of pain. The need for dental care is urgent. Refer for treatment as soon as possible. Write "02-Class III" in "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>		
<p>Large Carious Lesions</p>		<p>Chronic Abscess</p>
		
<p>Extensive Gingivitis</p>		
<p><b>CLASS IV: EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED</b></p> <p>Acute injury, oral infection or other painful condition. An immediate dental referral is indicated. Write "02-Class IV" in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>		
<p>Acute Injury</p>		<p>Oral Infection</p>