

Sample Narratives

Osseous Surgery:

Attachments: Intraoral photos if possible

Narrative: Necessary to detoxify the root surface and to prevent further bone loss.

4263 +/-or 4265 Bone Graft Replacement:

Attachments: Intraoral photos if possible

Narrative: Necessary to potentiate new attachment and to promote bone regeneration.

4341/4342 SRP- Scaling and Root Planing:

Attachments: FMS (Full Mouth Series) and Periodontal Charting/Perio Chart) FMX and PERIO CHART attached.

Narrative: Scaling and Root Planing necessary to remove subgingival microbiota both alive microorganisms and dead to prevent further bone loss.

Optional Narrative: The patient has BOB, inflammation, unattached gingiva, with puffing interdental papilla, 5mm pockets in each quad or higher, sub and supra calc with tartar, poor OH. Needed due to gingival migration and bone loss. The patient presents heavy deposits and severe gingivitis. To treat patients needed to be anesthetized for a through S/RP. Radiographs show loss of crestal bone and to prevent further bone loss and attachment S/RP was diagnosed to which the patient agreed to treat.

4355 Full Mouth Debridement:

Attachments: FMS + Periodontal Charting)

Narrative: Full Mouth Debridement is necessary to remove heavy build-up of plaque and calculus in order to perform a comprehensive examination in the future.

D4910 Periodontal Maintenance Treatment:

Attachments: Periodontal Charting/Perio Chart

Narrative: For CIGNA AND METLIFE (mandatory documentation): Include the SPR Hx(history) as narrative.

Ex: SPR done on (mm/dd/yyyy) at UR and LR.

Gingivectomy:

Attachments: Intraoral photos if possible

Narrative: Gingivectomy is necessary due to excision of the soft tissue wall surrounding a gum pocket in [Teeth #'s].

Inlay/Onlay (Code varies by material type):

Attachments: FMS pre-op x-ray and post op x-ray

Narrative: Multiple fractures cusps, decay/recurrent decay, existing failing restoration minimally invasive procedure performed. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no further symptoms.

2740 Crown (Code varies by material type):

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Indicate if it is an initial placement or a replacement.

Initial placement or existing crown replacement [date] . (SEAT DATE NOT PREP DATE).

For replacement: Improper/poorly fitting EXISTING crown open margins, recurrent decay, the tooth requires full coverage support and favorable prognosispt has no symptoms. Prior placement on [date].

2931/ 2930 –Stainless Steel Crown/SSC:

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Stainless steel crown on #_____ to restore the tooth from decay for longer-term effectiveness in preventing recurrent caries.

More on Crowns...

Crown due to decay:

Attachments: Crown due to decay:

Narrative: [Tooth #] has been destroyed by caries/fracture and requires crown restoration.

Crown with core build-up due to composite failed:

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Initial placement of a crown on [Tooth #] due to large old composite filling that is broken & recurrent decay. <50% natural tooth left. A build-up & crown is necessary to properly restore the tooth.

Crown with core build-up due to amalgam failed:

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Initial placement of a crown on [Tooth #] due to a large old amalgam filling that is broken & recurrent decay. <50% natural tooth left. A build-up & crown is necessary to properly restore the tooth.

Crown for Implant:

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: [Tooth #] was extracted on mm/dd/yyyy. A surgical implant was placed to replace the missing tooth on mm/dd/yyyy. Implant crown and custom abutment were placed to restore chewing function in the arch and to retain the integrity of the bone and facial structures.

Crown Lengthening:

Attachments: PA x-ray and BW x-ray

Narrative: Crown lengthening needed on [Tooth #] due to improper biological width. Without the procedure, the crown margin would have been placed too close to the bone.

Redo Crown/Core Build-up:

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: [Tooth #] date of original placement was mm/dd/yyyy. Needs build-up and new crown restoration due to excessive decay and/or margin opening.

Veneer

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Large missing or damaged Enamel, or incisal, facial surfaces require coverage due to lack of support/structure, the only alternative would be a crown, DDS diagnosed least invasive procedure. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no further symptoms.

Bridge

Attachments: pre-op and post-op x-ray

Narrative: Bridge prepped site [Tooth #] and [Tooth #] was extracted on mm/dd/yyyy or (cognitively missing). To preserve the site and occlusal plane. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no further symptoms.

(The wing or retainer is dental code D6548 for porcelain. The pontic tooth is dental code D6245 for porcelain.)

Extraction:

Attachments: PA x-ray and BW x-ray

Narrative: Due to Gross Decay [Tooth #] required extraction to preserve sight and surrounding teeth. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no further symptoms. Extraction site to be restored at a later date.

Extraction of Wisdom Teeth (1, 16, 17, 32):

Attachments: Panoramic x-ray

Narrative: Extraction of wisdom teeth number(s) 1,16,17 and 32 due to the patient is having pain/swelling. Teeth are difficult to clean - preventive measures to avoid serious problems in the future.

Bone Graft:

Attachments: Full Mouth Series x-ray(s) +/-or Panoramic x-ray

Narrative: Bone graft placed at site [Tooth #] to preserve the site and occlusal planes for future restoration. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no symptoms.

Extraction and Bone Graft Placement:

Attachments: PA x-ray and BW x-ray

Narrative: [Tooth #] extracted due to extensive decay and non-restorability. Bone graft needed for ridge preservation for future restoration.

Extraction of Primary Tooth:

Attachments: PA x-ray +/- or BW x-ray

Narrative: Over-retained [Tooth #] causing inflammation of the gingiva

Membrane:

Attachments: Intraoral photos if possible

Narrative: Barrier use to protect and promote ridge preservation and success of the graft site.

Frenulectomy:

Attachments: Intraoral photos if possible

Narrative: Frenectomy performed increases the range of motion of the tongue and will allow the child to position the tongue normally in the palate. This can help with chewing, swallowing, and speech.

6010 Implant:

Attachments: Full Mouth Series x-ray(s) +/-or Panoramic x-ray + date tooth # was extracted.

Narrative: Implant placed at site [Tooth #] of which was extracted on mm/dd/yyyy.

To preserve the site and occlusal plane for future restoration with favorable prognosis. The procedure was medically necessary for patient to chew and masticate food properly. Favorable prognosis and the patient has no symptoms.

Abutment:

Attachments: PA x-ray +/-or BW x-ray

Narrative: Custom abutment [Tooth #] placed to restore chewing function in the arch and to retain the integrity of the bone and facial structures.