

CHAPTER 20: CPITN AND PERIODONTAL SCREENING

COMMUNITY PERIODONTAL INDEX OF TREATMENT NEEDS (CPITN)

The CPITN was developed by WHO and the FDI World Dental Federation to provide a simple and rapid method for assessing periodontal conditions and determining treatment needs. It was designed specifically for use in population surveys and clinical settings where time is limited.

WHO Probe Specifications:

The CPITN requires a specially designed periodontal probe with specific markings. The probe has a ball-ended tip measuring 0.5 mm in diameter. This ball end helps in detecting subgingival calculus and reduces the risk of tissue penetration. The probe features a color-coded band that runs from 3.5 mm to 5.5 mm, representing a 2 mm section. Additional markings may be present at 8.5 mm and 11.5 mm on some probe variants.

The color-coded band serves an important purpose during examination. If the entire band is visible when the probe is inserted to the bottom of the sulcus or pocket, the depth is less than 3.5 mm. If only part of the band is visible, the pocket depth is between 3.5 and 5.5 mm. If the band is completely submerged and not visible, the pocket depth exceeds 5.5 mm.

Probing Technique:

The recommended probing force is between 15 and 25 grams. This is considered a gentle probing force that will not damage healthy tissue but will elicit bleeding from inflamed areas. A practical test for this force is to insert the probe under your fingernail - it should not cause pain or discomfort.

The probe should be inserted parallel to the long axis of the tooth. The ball-ended tip should follow the anatomical configuration of the root surface when detecting subgingival calculus. The probe can be "walked" around the tooth by moving it slightly while keeping the tip at the base of the sulcus, or it can be withdrawn and reinserted at different sites.

Index Teeth:

For adults aged 20 years and above, ten index teeth are examined. These represent all segments of the mouth and include the upper right first and second molars (17-16), upper right central incisor (11), upper left first and second molars (26-27), lower left first and second molars (37-36), lower left central incisor (31), and lower right first and second molars (46-47).

For children and young people under 20 years of age, only six index teeth are examined. The second molars are excluded because eruption of these teeth can create false pockets due to non-inflammatory changes associated with the eruption process.

Sextant Recording:

The mouth is divided into six sextants for recording purposes. The first sextant includes teeth 17 through 14, the second includes teeth 13 through 23, the third includes teeth 24 through 27, the fourth includes teeth 37 through 34, the fifth includes teeth 33 through 43, and the sixth includes teeth 44 through 47.

A sextant is only examined if there are two or more teeth present that are not indicated for extraction. If only one tooth

remains in a sextant, it is included in the score for the adjacent sextant. Third molars are generally excluded unless they are functioning in place of second molars.

CPITN Scoring:

Code 0 indicates healthy periodontal tissues with no bleeding on probing, no calculus detected, and no pockets.

Code 1 indicates bleeding observed after the probe is gently moved along the gingival sulcus. This represents gingival inflammation. The presence of bleeding indicates the need for improved personal oral hygiene.

Code 2 indicates the presence of calculus or other plaque retentive factors such as overhanging restorations or ill-fitting crowns. The entire colored band of the probe is visible, meaning the pocket depth is less than 3.5 mm. This code indicates the need for professional scaling and oral hygiene instruction.

Code 3 indicates a shallow pocket with a depth of 4 to 5 millimeters. Only part of the colored band is visible when the probe is inserted to full depth. This requires more complex treatment including subgingival scaling.

Code 4 indicates a deep pocket of 6 millimeters or more. The colored band is completely covered and not visible. This requires complex periodontal treatment potentially including surgery.

Code X indicates that the sextant is excluded because there are fewer than two functional teeth present.

Treatment Needs Categories:

Treatment Need 0 indicates that no treatment is required. This is assigned when all sextants score either 0 (healthy) or X (excluded).

Treatment Need 1 indicates the need for improvement of personal oral hygiene. This is assigned when the highest code in any sextant is 1 (bleeding).

Treatment Need 2 indicates the need for professional scaling and removal of plaque retentive factors, combined with oral hygiene instruction. This is assigned when the highest code is 2 (calculus).

Treatment Need 3 indicates the need for complex periodontal treatment which may involve deep scaling, root planing, and complex procedures including surgical intervention. This is assigned when codes 3 or 4 (pockets) are present.

Advantages and Limitations:

The CPITN offers several advantages. It is simple and rapid to perform, making it suitable for large-scale epidemiological surveys. The method has international uniformity allowing comparisons between different populations. It provides information about treatment needs, not just disease prevalence.

However, the CPITN also has limitations. It uses partial recording (only index teeth) which may miss disease in non-index teeth. It does not record attachment loss, which means it cannot identify past periodontal destruction. It does not provide markers of disease activity. The method may underestimate disease in older adults who have lost teeth due

to periodontal disease.

CHAPTER 21: DMFT AND CARIES INDICES

DMFT INDEX - THE GOLD STANDARD FOR CARIES MEASUREMENT

The DMFT index was introduced by Henry T. Klein, Carrole E. Palmer, and Knutson JW in 1938. It remains the most universally employed index for measuring dental caries experience in permanent teeth. This index is based on the fact that dental hard tissues are not self-healing - established caries leaves a scar of some sort.

Understanding the Components:

The letter D stands for Decayed teeth. This component includes all teeth with untreated carious lesions. When counting decayed teeth, remember that a tooth can only be counted once - it cannot be counted as both decayed and filled. If a tooth has been restored but caries can be described at another site or as recurrent decay, count it as decayed. Be sure the explorer falls into carious tooth substance and not just a deep groove before counting occlusal caries.

The letter M stands for Missing teeth. This indicates the number of permanent teeth that have been extracted due to caries. Those teeth which are so badly decayed that they are indicated for extraction should also be counted as missing. However, careful history should be taken when it is suspected that teeth have been lost for reasons other than caries.

The following should NOT be counted as missing due to caries:

- Unerupted teeth that have not emerged into the oral cavity
- Teeth missing due to accidents or trauma
- Teeth that were congenitally missing (never formed)
- Teeth extracted for orthodontic reasons (crowding, protrusion)
- Teeth extracted because of periodontal disease (this is important - only caries-related extractions count)

The letter F stands for Filled teeth. This indicates the number of permanent teeth that have been attacked by caries, due to which they have been restored to keep them in a healthy condition in the mouth. A tooth may have several fillings, a crown, or complex restorations, but it is counted as just one tooth in the F component.

Teeth Examined:

The DMFT index is applied to the 28 permanent teeth, with the third molars (wisdom teeth) excluded from examination. This is because third molars are often congenitally missing, impacted, or extracted for reasons other than caries. Including them would introduce variability that makes comparisons between populations difficult.

Other exclusions from the DMFT examination include:

- Unerupted teeth that have not reached the occlusal plane
- Congenitally missing and supernumerary teeth
- Teeth removed for reasons other than dental caries (orthodontic treatment, impaction, trauma)
- Teeth restored for reasons other than dental caries (trauma, cosmetic purposes, bridge abutments)
- Primary teeth retained with the permanent successor erupted (the permanent tooth is evaluated)

Calculation:

For an individual, the DMFT is calculated by simply adding the D, M, and F components: $DMFT = D + M + F$.

For example, if a patient has:

- 3 decayed teeth (D = 3)
- 2 missing teeth due to caries (M = 2)
- 4 filled teeth (F = 4)

Their DMFT score would be $3 + 2 + 4 = 9$

The possible range for DMFT is from 0 (no caries experience) to 28 (all teeth either decayed, missing due to caries, or filled).

For a group or population, the average DMFT is calculated by summing all individual DMFT scores and dividing by the number of individuals examined.

DMFS - The Surface-Level Index:

The DMFS index applies the same principles but records at the surface level rather than the tooth level. Posterior teeth (premolars and molars) have 5 surfaces each: mesial, distal, buccal, lingual, and occlusal. Anterior teeth (incisors and canines) have 4 surfaces each: mesial, distal, labial, and lingual.

Total surfaces without third molars: 128 surfaces

Total surfaces with third molars: 148 surfaces

The DMFS is more sensitive than DMFT because it can detect smaller changes. If caries affects only one surface of a tooth, DMFT records 1 (the whole tooth), but DMFS records 1 (just that surface). This makes DMFS particularly useful in clinical trials where small changes over limited time periods need to be detected.

However, DMFS examinations take longer, are more likely to produce inconsistencies between examiners, and may require radiographs for accurate detection of proximal surface lesions.

Understanding the Limitations:

The DMFT has several important limitations that must be understood for proper interpretation:

1. DMFT values are not related to the number of teeth at risk. A person with 28 teeth and a DMFT of 7 has a different risk profile than someone with 20 teeth and a DMFT of 7.
2. The index can be invalid in older adults because teeth can become lost for reasons other than caries (periodontal disease is a major cause in older adults).
3. The index can be misleading in children whose teeth have been lost for orthodontic reasons.
4. The index can overestimate caries experience in teeth in which preventive resin restorations or sealants have been placed.
5. The index is of limited use in studies of root caries, as root caries often occur on surfaces that have different characteristics than coronal caries.

Perhaps most importantly, the same DMFT value can represent very different clinical situations. Three patients each with a DMFT of 7 could have:

- Patient A: D=7, M=0, F=0 (all untreated decay - high treatment need)
- Patient B: D=0, M=7, F=0 (all teeth extracted - past disease)
- Patient C: D=0, M=0, F=7 (all treated - good dental awareness)

Therefore, looking at the individual components (D, M, F) often provides more useful information than the total DMFT alone.

CHAPTER 22: FLUORIDE TOXICITY AND SAFETY

ACUTE FLUORIDE TOXICITY

Acute fluoride toxicity occurs when a large amount of fluoride is ingested in a short period. This is most commonly seen in accidental ingestion of fluoride products by children, particularly fluoride supplements, mouth rinses, or professional fluoride applications.

Toxic Doses:

The certainly lethal dose (CLD) of fluoride is estimated to be 32-64 mg per kilogram of body weight. This is the amount that would be fatal to approximately 50% of those exposed.

The safely tolerated dose (STD) is estimated at 8-16 mg per kilogram of body weight. This amount may cause toxicity symptoms but is unlikely to be fatal with proper treatment.

For a practical example, consider a 70 kg (154 lb) adult:

- Certainly lethal dose would be approximately 2,240-4,480 mg (2.2-4.5 grams) of fluoride
- For sodium fluoride (which is 45% fluoride), this would be about 5-10 grams of NaF

For a 20 kg (44 lb) child:

- Certainly lethal dose would be approximately 640-1,280 mg of fluoride
- This could be contained in 60-120 mL of standard 2% sodium fluoride solution, or significantly less for more concentrated products

Clinical Manifestations:

The progression of acute fluoride toxicity typically follows a pattern:

Initially (within 30 minutes to 2 hours):

- Nausea and vomiting are usually the first symptoms
- Abdominal pain and cramping
- Diarrhea (may be hemorrhagic)
- Excessive salivation
- Sweating

Progressing (2-6 hours):

- Hypocalcemia (low blood calcium) develops as fluoride binds calcium
- Hypomagnesemia (low blood magnesium)
- Muscle weakness and tetany
- Convulsions may occur

Severe cases:

- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Respiratory depression
- Coma

- Death from respiratory paralysis or cardiac failure

Emergency Treatment:

Immediate action is critical for survival:

1. If the patient is conscious and ingestion was within the last hour:
 - Induce vomiting with syrup of ipecac or mechanical stimulation
 - Gastric lavage may be performed in hospital settings
2. Give calcium immediately to bind fluoride:
 - Milk (contains calcium and will dilute stomach contents)
 - Calcium gluconate or calcium lactate tablets
 - Antacids containing calcium carbonate
3. Intravenous calcium gluconate for symptomatic patients (muscle spasms, tetany, convulsions)
4. Supportive care:
 - IV fluids to maintain hydration and electrolyte balance
 - Magnesium supplementation
 - Monitoring of cardiac function
 - Respiratory support if needed
 - Hemodialysis in severe cases

CHRONIC FLUORIDE TOXICITY - DENTAL FLUOROSIS

Dental fluorosis is the result of excessive fluoride intake during the period of tooth development (amelogenesis). It represents a hypomineralization of enamel due to fluoride interfering with the normal maturation of enamel crystals.

The severity of fluorosis depends on:

- The dose of fluoride (amount and concentration)
- The duration of exposure
- The timing of exposure relative to tooth development
- Individual susceptibility

Characteristics of Dental Fluorosis:

Fluorosis affects teeth that are developing during the period of excessive fluoride intake. It does not affect teeth that have already erupted. Because tooth development occurs at different times for different teeth, the pattern of fluorosis can indicate when excessive exposure occurred.

The lesions of fluorosis are bilaterally symmetrical because teeth on both sides develop simultaneously and are exposed to the same fluoride levels.

The premolars and second molars are most frequently affected. The maxillary central incisors are commonly affected. The mandibular incisors are least affected - this is thought to be due to their position being below the lip line, which may

offer some protection.

Dean's Fluorosis Index Classification:

Score 0 - Normal: The enamel represents the usual translucent semivitriform type of structure. The surface is smooth, glossy, and usually of a pale, creamy white color.

Score 0.5 - Questionable: The enamel discloses slight aberrations from the translucency of normal enamel, ranging from a few white flecks to occasional white spots. This classification is used in those instances where a definite diagnosis of the mildest form of fluorosis is not warranted and a classification of "normal" not justified.

Score 1 - Very Mild: Small opaque, paper white areas scattered irregularly over the tooth, but not involving as much as approximately 25% of tooth surface. Frequently included in this classification are teeth showing no more than about 1-2 mm of white opacity at the tip of the summit of the cusps of bicuspid or second molars.

Score 2 - Mild: The white opaque areas in the enamel of teeth are more extensive, but do not involve as much as 50% of the tooth surface.

Score 3 - Moderate: All enamel surfaces of the teeth are affected, and surfaces subject to attrition show wear. Brown stain is frequently a disfiguring feature.

Score 4 - Severe: All enamel surfaces of the tooth are affected and hypoplasia is so marked that the general form of the tooth may be affected. The major diagnostic sign of this classification is discrete or confluent pitting. Brown stains are widespread and teeth often present a corroded-like appearance.

SKELETAL FLUOROSIS

Skeletal fluorosis is a bone disease caused by excessive accumulation of fluoride in bone over many years. It requires much higher and longer exposure than dental fluorosis.

The fluoride dosage necessary to produce pathologic skeletal fluorosis is estimated at 20 to 80 mg of fluoride per day for 10 to 20 years. This level of exposure is rare and typically only occurs in areas with very high natural fluoride in drinking water (above 10 ppm) combined with high water consumption and possibly additional fluoride from other sources.

Stages of Skeletal Fluorosis:

Stage 1 (Preclinical): Increased bone density visible on X-ray, but no symptoms. May be discovered incidentally.

Stage 2 (Mild): Stiffness and pain in joints, particularly the spine. Reduced range of motion. Bone density significantly increased.

Stage 3 (Severe): Severe restriction of spinal movement ("bamboo spine"). Neurological complications from compression of nerves. Possible compression of spinal cord. Deformities including genu valgum (knock knees).

Treatment of skeletal fluorosis is difficult. The primary approach is removing the source of excess fluoride. Symptoms

may persist even after fluoride levels are reduced because the bone changes are permanent.

DEFLUORIDATION METHODS

In areas with high natural fluoride in water (endemic fluorosis areas), defluoridation of drinking water may be necessary. The World Health Organization recommends that drinking water fluoride should not exceed 1.5 ppm.

Nalgonda Technique:

This is a simple, low-cost method developed in India for community and household use. The method involves adding aluminum sulfate (alum) and lime to the water. The aluminum forms aluminum fluoride complexes and also flocculates, taking fluoride with it. The lime is added to maintain alkalinity. The precipitate settles out, and the supernatant water has reduced fluoride content. This method can reduce fluoride from 5-10 ppm to less than 1.5 ppm.

Activated Alumina:

Water is passed through columns containing activated alumina (aluminum oxide). The fluoride ions are adsorbed onto the alumina. When the alumina becomes saturated, it can be regenerated with alkali (sodium hydroxide) and acid (sulfuric acid) treatment. This method is effective but requires technical expertise and monitoring.

Bone Char:

Bone char (charred animal bones) contains hydroxyapatite that exchanges fluoride for other ions. Water is passed through bone char filters. This is a low-cost method suitable for household use but requires regular replacement of the bone char.

Reverse Osmosis:

This membrane filtration technology removes fluoride along with other dissolved solids. It is effective but expensive and requires electricity and technical maintenance. It is more suitable for individual households than community water supplies.

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- Epidemiology: Distribution, determinants, and application (John M Last)
- Chain of infection: Reservoir, mode of transmission, susceptible host
- Screening: Wilson and Jungner criteria
- PHC: 8 components, Alma-Ata declaration
- Indices: DMFT (Klein, Palmer, Knutson), CPITN (WHO), GI (Loe and Silness)
- Fluoride: Dean's studies, mechanisms, optimal water level (1 ppm), toxicity levels
- Statistics: Mean \pm 2 SD = 95%, $P < 0.05$ significant

CHAPTER 29: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 7

This section provides comprehensive coverage of essential topics in preventive and community dentistry based on standard textbook references. The material includes detailed explanations of concepts, mechanisms, clinical applications, and exam-focused points.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCEPTS:

Epidemiology forms the foundation of public health dentistry. Understanding disease patterns in populations allows for effective prevention strategies. The chain of infection model (reservoir, transmission, host) provides framework for breaking disease transmission. Screening programs based on Wilson and Jungner criteria ensure effective early detection.

DENTAL INDICES AND MEASUREMENT:

Dental indices provide quantitative measures of oral health status. The DMFT index measures lifetime caries experience through decayed, missing, and filled teeth. The CPITN assesses periodontal status and treatment needs using the WHO probe with specific markings at 3.5-5.5-8.5-11.5 mm. Plaque indices (Silness and Loe) and gingival indices (Loe and Silness) measure oral hygiene and gingival health respectively.

FLUORIDE IN CARIES PREVENTION:

Fluoride prevents caries through multiple mechanisms including enhancement of remineralization, inhibition of demineralization, and effects on bacterial metabolism. Systemic fluoride sources include water fluoridation (optimal 0.7-1.2 ppm), supplements, and salt/milk fluoridation. Topical fluoride includes professional applications (APF 1.23%, NaF 2%) and self-applied products (toothpaste 1000-1500 ppm, mouth rinses).

PREVENTIVE PROGRAMS:

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KEY EXAM POINTS:

- Epidemiology: Distribution, determinants, and application (John M Last)
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- Fluoride: Dean's studies, mechanisms, optimal water level (1 ppm), toxicity levels
- Statistics: Mean \pm 2 SD = 95%, $P < 0.05$ significant

CHAPTER 30: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 8

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DENTAL INDICES AND MEASUREMENT:

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- Fluoride: Dean's studies, mechanisms, optimal water level (1 ppm), toxicity levels
- Statistics: Mean \pm 2 SD = 95%, $P < 0.05$ significant

CHAPTER 31: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 9

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EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCEPTS:

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- Fluoride: Dean's studies, mechanisms, optimal water level (1 ppm), toxicity levels
- Statistics: Mean \pm 2 SD = 95%, $P < 0.05$ significant

CHAPTER 32: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 10

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EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCEPTS:

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CHAPTER 33: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 11

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CHAPTER 34: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 12

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CHAPTER 35: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 13

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CHAPTER 36: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 14

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CHAPTER 37: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 15

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CHAPTER 38: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 16

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CHAPTER 39: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 17

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EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCEPTS:

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CHAPTER 40: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 18

This section provides comprehensive coverage of essential topics in preventive and community dentistry based on standard textbook references. The material includes detailed explanations of concepts, mechanisms, clinical applications, and exam-focused points.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCEPTS:

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CHAPTER 41: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 19

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CHAPTER 42: ADDITIONAL TOPICS

DETAILED STUDY MATERIAL SECTION 20

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