


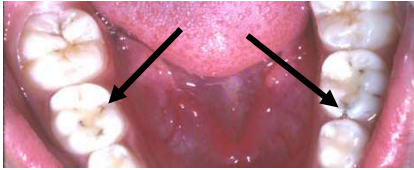

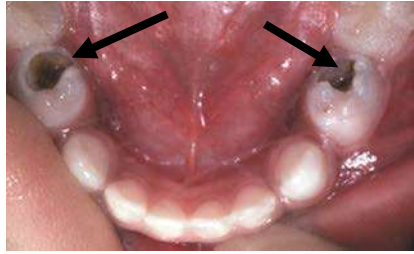

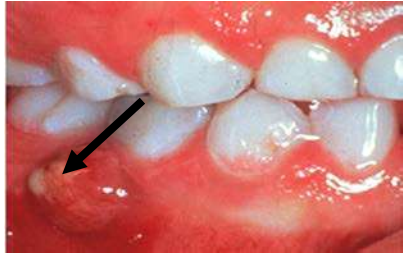






# DENTAL REFERRAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The CHDP classification of treatment needs is a tool for referring children for dental services.

If a problem is suspected or detected, on line 02 - "DENTAL ASSESSMENT/REFERRAL" enter code 5 in "Problem Suspected" columns C or D. In "Comments/Problems" section, describe the condition and classify using Class II, III, or IV. Enter dentist's name/phone number in "Referred To" box.

<p><b>CLASS I:</b> <b>NO VISIBLE DENTAL PROBLEMS</b> (no decalcification, caries, or gingivitis)</p> <p>If child has not seen a dentist in the last 6 months, check box "Routine Referral Dental".</p> <p><u>Referrals required beginning at age one (1).</u> Refer every six (6) months for maintenance of oral health.</p>		
<p><b>Appears Healthy But Needs Routine Referral</b></p>		
<p><b>CLASS II:</b> <b>MILD DENTAL PROBLEMS</b> (white decalcification/initial decay, small carious lesions, or gingivitis)</p> <p>The patient is asymptomatic. Condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral. Write "02-Class II" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>White Decalcification/Initial Decay</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Small Carious Lesions</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mild Gingivitis</b></p>
<p><b>CLASS III:</b> <b>SEVERE DENTAL PROBLEMS</b> (large carious lesions, abscess, extensive gingivitis, or pain)</p> <p>Urgent dental care is needed. If abscess suspected ensure that child is seen within 24 hours. Conditions can progress rapidly to an emergency. Write "02-Class III" and describe in the "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p> <p>For a <u>severe</u> medically handicapping malocclusion or craniofacial anomaly refer child to a dentist or California Children's Services (CCS). Write "02-Class III" and describe condition in "Comments/Problems" section.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Large Carious Lesions</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Early Childhood Caries (ECC)</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abscess</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extensive Gingivitis</b></p>
<p><b>CLASS IV:</b> <b>EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED</b> (acute injury, oral infection, or other painful condition)</p> <p>Immediate dental referral is required. Write "02-Class IV Emergency" and describe in "Comments/Problems" section of PM160.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acute Injuries</b></p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oral Infection/Cellulitis</b></p>