

Guide to the Treatment Urgency Scale

Instructions for Completing Dental Screening Form

We track data on all children screened through the program both to understand our impact and to help identify students who need additional care or case management. Thank you for filling out this form carefully and completely!

- Most providers find it helpful to have a scribe so that they can call out their findings quickly to an assistant, who marks the form.
- Note any brown spots, white spots, fillings, visible decay, missing, mobile, or sealed teeth and record this information in the appropriate location on the grid. Use the key on the form to write the letter corresponding to your finding in the grid representing the appropriate tooth.
- Check the box for gingivitis if the child has evidence of gingivitis on your exam.
- Assign the child to a screening level of disease:

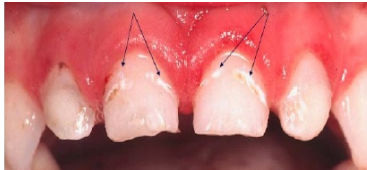
- **Level 1:** No dental problems



Conditions requiring care that can be postponed for a 6 months

- Caries in deciduous teeth which will exfoliate soon;
- incipient caries;
- better brushing;
- routine dental checkup/professional cleaning

- **Level 2:** Evidence of dental problems



Conditions requiring care within 6 months

- Extensive penetration of caries into dentin;
- space maintainers;
- numerous cavities – none with extensive penetration

- **Level 3:** Needs urgent dental care



Functional and social disability conditions requiring rapid attention

- Pain and acute infections/abscess;
- suspected neoplasm (tumors);
- dental caries into or near the pulp;
- teeth obviously requiring extraction;
- disfiguring conditions (missing/decayed anterior teeth)

- **If the patient is a level 3, please notify the Oral Health Nurse and check the “referral for urgent follow up” box. Please note the urgent issue in the “reason for referral line”.**
- These children will receive case management to ensure that they obtain follow up care.

For any questions, please consult The L.A. Trust or District Nursing staff on the day of the event.