

COLOR INDICATIONS AND CHARTING SYMBOLS DOCUMENT

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When completing a patient's chart, color indications and symbols are used to indicate current condition and restorative services required. Red indicates dentistry that needs to be performed and blue indicates dentistry that has been completed.



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Amalgam restoration (outlined and filled with red when it needs to be done, blue when complete)

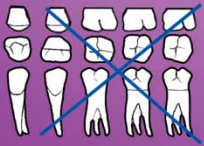
Composite restoration (outlined in red when it needs to be done, blue when complete)

Gold restoration (outlined and filled with red diagonal lines when it needs to be done, blue when complete)

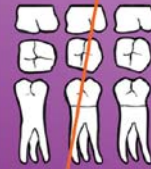
Porcelain restoration (outlined with a P inside in red or blue, depending on status)

Sealant (red or blue S on occlusal surface, depending on status)

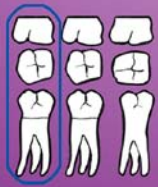
Stainless steel (outlined with wavy lines or two S's inside, red when it needs to be done or blue when it is complete)



Multiple missing teeth



Teeth to be extracted



Teeth impacted or unerupted



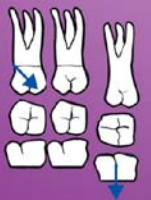
All teeth missing



Teeth that are drifting/
mesial inclination



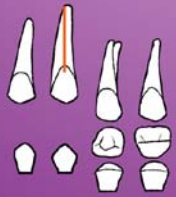
Tooth with root canal
treatment, apicoectomy,
and silver amalgam
retrofilling



Teeth that are drifting/
overerupted



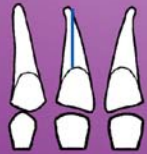
Teeth that are drifting/
distal inclination



Teeth that need root-canal therapy



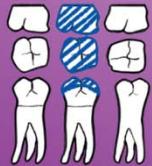
Tooth with an abscess



Tooth with a completed root canal



Tooth with full gold crown



Tooth with 3/4 gold crown



Tooth with an MOD onlay crown



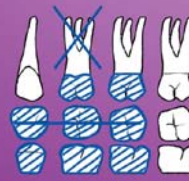
Tooth with a DO inlay crown



Tooth with a porcelain crown



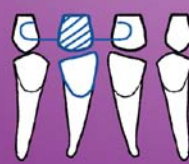
Tooth with a porcelain fused to metal crown



Fixed bridge (abutment 3/4 gold crown-pontic-full gold-abutment full gold)



Fixed bridge (porcelain fused to metal abutment-pontic-porcelain fused to metal-abutment full gold crown)



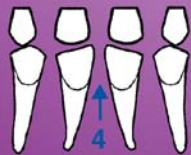
Maryland bridge



Supernumerary tooth



Tooth with a temporary restoration



Periodontal pocket



Overhang on a restoration



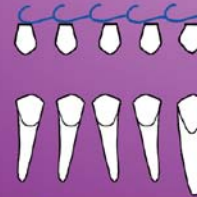
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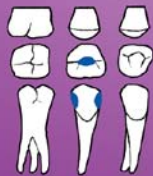
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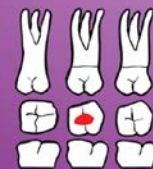
Decalcification



Heavy Calculus



Mesio-occluso-distal (MOD)
amalgam restoration with
recurrent decay



Occlusal caries



Occlusal amalgam
restoration



Occlusal composite
restoration



Enamel sealant



Distal-occlusal (DO) caries



Class IV MI composite restoration



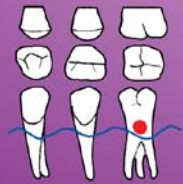
Class V facial caries



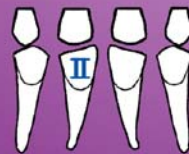
Class I lingual amalgam restoration



Class III M composite restoration



Gingival recession/
furcation involvement



Mobility

