



Suggested Fee Guide for Dental Hygienists

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USER GUIDE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

"Dental hygienists are the only health professionals whose primary concern is the prevention of oral disease" (Health and Welfare, Canada, 1988). These registered primary oral healthcare providers are integral members of the oral healthcare system. They provide preventive, educational, clinical, and therapeutic services and apply a process of care that includes examination/assessment, treatment planning, implementation, and evaluation. Registered dental hygienists have a unique body of knowledge, distinct expertise, recognized standards of education and practice, and a Code of Ethics.

Over 90 percent of dental hygienists in Canada are self-regulating. The regulation of dental hygiene care is the responsibility of provincial dental hygiene regulatory authorities, as mandated by provincial legislation. In Ontario, the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario regulates the profession by administering the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and the *Dental Hygiene Act*. Healthcare reform in Canada is reflected in the legislative trend to facilitate increased direct access by the public to dental hygiene services.

The Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) is the provincial professional organization that provides services to its members including professional development and networking opportunities such as workshops and seminars, professional publications, public promotion of dental hygiene and materials for community outreach initiatives as well as promoting the profession by influencing the direction of trends and legislation that will impact on dental hygienists and on the profession. Our mission is to support member needs and to advocate for the profession of dental hygiene.

Introduction

The content, organization and management of dental hygiene care is guided by the principles of accessibility for all Canadians to comprehensive oral healthcare and the promotion of oral health as an integral component of general health.

The purpose of this Fee Guide is to provide guidance to dental hygienists in Ontario in setting the fees that they charge for their professional services. It is a guide only; adherence to the guide is not obligatory. Each dental hygienist may set his or her fees to reflect practice realities and local circumstances and requirements. **Dental hygienists must follow their code of ethics and standards of practice when determining the value of a dental hygiene service.**

The essential objective of the Fee Guide is to provide guidance to and facilitate dental hygienists who wish to bill their clients or their clients' insurance plans.

This Fee Guide uses the CDHA National List of Service Codes[®] that has been produced by the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA). The CDHA states that the National Dental Hygiene System of Service is not intended for use by dental hygienists employed within traditional dental offices or in provinces where this type of public access to dental hygiene care has not been legislated.

A dental hygiene fee guide is simply one more step in the evolution of the dental hygiene profession in Ontario, building on the self-governance status granted to us in 1993.

National Dental Hygiene Claim Form

To protect themselves from copyright infringements from the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), it is important that all dental hygienists who are submitting insurance claims use the CDHA Dental Hygiene Claim Form. For step-by-step use of the CDHA National Dental Hygiene Claim Form, refer to the CDHA NATIONAL LIST OF SERVICE CODES®.

Review

ODHA will periodically review the suggested fees and will submit any suggestions for the coding system to the CDHA so they can take these under advisement in their own review. Members are encouraged to submit their feedback to the ODHA in writing.

Members and third parties are reminded that the suggested fees contained in the Fee Guide were prepared for the Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association to provide a guideline of fees considered to be fair and reasonable. The suggested fees are a guideline only. The suggested fees are not binding on any dental hygienist or third party billing for dental hygiene services, and there is no obligation to follow the suggested fees in the Fee Guide.

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In this fee guide:

'+ lab'

- means that an additional laboratory expense may be assessed with the procedure code
- the code for laboratory expense is 00991

'+ exp'

- means that additional expenses such as courier costs may be assessed with the procedure code
- the code for an additional expense is 00992

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee
	00100 Examination/Assessment - new client	
Primary	00111	\$30.00
Mixed	00112	\$45.00
Permanent	00113	\$60.00
Edentulous	00114	\$30.00
Periodontal	00115	\$45.00
	00120 Examination/Assessment – previous client	
Routine recall	00121	\$21.22
Specific	00122	\$21.22 to \$47.74
Emergency	00123	\$21.22 to \$47.74
Periodontal, limited	00124	\$21.22 to \$47.74
	00130 First dental hygiene visit/orientation	
	00131	\$15.00
	00200 Radiographs	
	00210 Intraoral bitewing	
1 film	00211	\$16.00
2 films	00212	\$18.50
3 films	00213	\$21.00
4 films	00214	\$23.50
5 films	00215	\$26.00
6 films	00216	\$28.50
	00220 Intraoral periapical	
1 film	00221	\$16.00
2 films	00222	\$18.50
3 films	00223	\$21.00
4 films	00224	\$23.50
5 films	00225	\$26.00
6 films	00226	\$28.50
7 films	00227	\$31.00
8 films	00228	\$33.50
each additional film >8	00229	\$2.50
	00230 Intraoral, full mouth series	
minimum 14 films	00231	\$66.30

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee
	00240 Panoramic	
1 film		00241 \$47.50
	00250 Cephalometric	
1 film		00251 \$44.05
each additional film > 1		00259 \$15.00
	00260 Duplication of radiographs	
1 film		00261 \$10.00
2 films		00262 \$10.80
3 films		00263 \$11.60
4 films		00264 \$12.40
5 films		00265 \$13.20
6 films		00266 \$14.00
7 films		00267 \$14.80
8 films		00268 \$15.60
each additional film > 8		00269 \$0.80
	00270 Photographs	
1 photo		00271 \$15.00
2 photos		00272 \$18.00
3 photos		00273 \$21.00
each additional photograph >3		00279 \$3.00
	00300 Microbiological and histological tests	
	00310 Caries susceptibility	
bacteriological test		00311 \$15.91 to \$26.52 + lab
	00320 Periodontal disease activity	
microbiological test		00321 \$15.91 to \$26.52 + lab
	00330 Cancer testing	
cancer testing		00331 \$31.82 + lab + exp
	00400 Study models	
taking impressions		00401 \$28.50
fabrication/pouring/preparing casts		00402 \$14.25 + lab
	00500 Periodontal treatment (each unit of time is 15 minutes)	
	00510 Debridement	
1 unit of time		00511 \$42.43
2 units of time		00512 \$84.86
3 units of time		00513 \$127.29
4 units of time		00514 \$169.72
5 units of time		00515 \$212.15
6 units of time		00516 \$254.58
½ unit of time		00517 \$21.22
each additional unit of time >6		00519 \$42.43
	00520 Root planing	
1 unit of time		00521 \$42.43
2 units of time		00522 \$84.86
3 units of time		00523 \$127.30
4 units of time		00524 \$169.73

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee	
	00520	Root planing (continued)	
5 units of time		00525	\$212.16
6 units of time		00526	\$254.59
½ unit of time		00527	\$21.22
each additional unit of time >6		00529	\$42.43
	00530	Stain removal	
1 unit of time		00531	\$21.22
2 units of time		00532	\$42.44
½ unit of time		00537	\$10.61
each additional unit of time >2		00539	\$21.22
	00540	Subgingival periodontal irrigation	
1 unit of time		00541	\$37.13
½ unit of time		00547	\$18.57
each additional unit of time		00549	\$37.13
	00550	Management of oral disease	
1 unit of time		00551	\$31.82
2 units of time		00552	\$63.64
3 units of time		00553	\$95.46
4 units of time		00554	\$127.28
½ unit of time		00557	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4		00559	\$31.82
	00600	Other oral services (each unit of time is 15 minutes)	
	00601	Sealants	
1st tooth in quadrant		00602	\$16.97
each additional tooth in quadrant		00603	\$10.61
	00605	Application of anticariogenics/antimicrobials	
1 unit of time		00606	\$31.82 + exp
½ unit of time		00607	\$15.91 + exp
each additional unit of time		00609	\$31.82 + exp
	00610	Fluoride applications	
Topical in office		00611	\$12.73
Supervised, self-administered office		00612	\$12.73
Home - custom maxillary arch		00613	\$37.13 + lab
Home - custom mandibular arch		00614	\$37.13 + lab
Home - custom combined		00615	\$53.04 + lab
	00620	Finishing restoration	
1 unit of time		00621	\$21.22
2 units of time		00622	\$42.44
3 units of time		00623	\$63.66
4 units of time		00624	\$84.88
½ unit of time		00627	\$10.61
each additional unit of time >4		00629	\$21.22
	00630	Mouth protectors	
preformed – maxillary arch		00631	\$20.00 + exp
preformed – mandibular arch		00632	\$20.00 + exp

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee
00630	Mouth protectors (continued)	
preformed – maxillary & mandibular arches	00633	\$30.00 + exp
processed – maxillary arch	00634	\$53.04 + lab
processed – mandibular arch	00635	\$53.04 + lab
processed – maxillary & mandibular arches	00636	\$75.00 + lab
00638	Labeling removable prosthesis	
labeling removable prosthesis	00638	\$31.82 + exp
00640	Desensitization	
1 unit of time	00641	\$31.82
2 units of time	00642	\$63.64
½ unit of time	00647	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >2	00649	\$31.82
00650	Bleaching vital teeth in office	
1 unit of time	00651	\$37.13 + exp
2 units of time	00652	\$74.26 + exp
3 units of time	00653	\$111.39 + exp
½ unit of time	00657	\$18.57 + exp
each additional unit of time >3	00659	\$37.13 + exp
00660	Bleaching vital teeth at home	
maxillary arch	00661	\$106.08 + lab + exp
mandibular arch	00662	\$106.08 + lab + exp
maxillary and mandibular arch	00663	\$159.12 + lab + exp
00665	Placement temporary restorations	
1st tooth in quadrant	00666	\$47.74
each added tooth same quadrant	00667	\$24.40
00670	Recementation	
1 unit of time	00671	\$47.74
2 units of time	00672	\$95.48
3 units of time	00673	\$143.22
½ unit of time	00677	\$23.87
each additional unit of time >3	00679	\$47.74
00680	Pulp vitality testing	
1 unit of time	00681	\$30.00
½ unit of time	00687	\$15.00
each additional unit of time	00689	\$30.00
00690	Denture/removable prosthesis prophylaxis and polishing	
1 unit of time	00691	\$31.82 + lab
½ unit of time	00697	\$15.91 + lab
each additional unit of time	00699	\$31.82 + lab
00700	<i>Pain management (each unit of time is 15 minutes)</i>	
00710	Electronic dental anaesthesia	
1 unit of time	00711	\$30.00
2 units of time	00712	\$33.00
3 units of time	00713	\$36.00
4 units of time	00714	\$39.00

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee
00710	Electronic dental anaesthesia (continued)	
½ unit of time	00717	\$25.15
each additional unit of time >4	00719	\$3.00
00720	Local anaesthesia	
regional block	00721	\$12.00
trigeminal division block	00722	\$12.00
supraperiosteal infiltration	00723	\$12.00
00730	Acupuncture	
1 unit of time	00731	\$30.00
2 units of time	00732	\$33.00
3 units of time	00733	\$36.00
4 units of time	00734	\$39.00
½ unit of time	00737	\$25.15
each additional unit of time >4	00739	\$3.00
00740	Nitrous oxide, conscious sedation	
1 unit of time	00741	\$40.00
2 units of time	00742	\$80.00
3 units of time	00743	\$120.00
4 units of time	00744	\$160.00
½ unit of time	00747	\$20.00
each additional unit of time >4	00749	\$40.00
00800	Education (each unit of time is 15 minutes)	
00810	Counseling for diet	
1 unit of time	00811	\$31.82
2 units of time	00812	\$63.64
3 units of time	00813	\$95.46
4 units of time	00814	\$127.28
½ unit of time	00817	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4	00819	\$31.82
00820	Counseling for tobacco use cessation	
1 unit of time	00821	\$31.82
2 units of time	00822	\$63.64
3 units of time	00823	\$95.46
4 units of time	00824	\$127.28
½ unit of time	00827	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4	00829	\$31.82
00830	Counseling for oral self-exam	
1 unit of time	00831	\$31.82
2 units of time	00832	\$63.64
3 units of time	00833	\$95.46
4 units of time	00834	\$127.28
½ unit of time	00837	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4	00839	\$31.82

Code / Service		ODHA 2010 suggested fee
00840	Instruction in oral self care	
1 unit of time	00841	\$31.82
2 units of time	00842	\$63.64
3 units of time	00843	\$95.46
4 units of time	00844	\$127.28
½ unit of time	00847	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4	00849	\$31.82
00850	Group presentations (including preparation)	
1 unit of time	00851	\$31.82
2 units of time	00852	\$63.64
3 units of time	00853	\$95.46
4 units of time	00854	\$127.28
½ unit of time	00857	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >4	00859	\$31.82
00900	Outcome evaluation (each unit of time is 15 minutes)	
00910	Evaluation of dental hygiene care	
1 unit of time	00911	\$31.82
2 units of time	00912	\$63.64
½ unit of time	00917	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >2	00919	\$31.82
00920	Professional communications / case presentations	
1 unit of time	00921	\$31.82
2 units of time	00922	\$63.64
½ unit of time	00927	\$15.91
each additional unit of time >2	00929	\$31.82
00950	Mobile services	
Home visit	00951	\$26.52 to \$53.04
Institutional visit	00952	\$26.52 to \$53.04
Emergency home visit	00953	\$40.00 to \$75.00
Emergency institutional visit	00954	\$40.00 to \$75.00
00990	Laboratory and expenses services	
+ lab	00991	
+ exp	00992	