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**ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT  
BY A NURSE IN A RESIDENTIAL AND  
LONG-TERM CARE CENTRE (CHSLD)**

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| File number              |   |
| Resident's last name     |   |
| Resident's first name    |   |
| Date of birth            | Year   Month   Day   Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| Health insurance number  | Year   Month  |
| Area code   Phone number | Expiry   Area code   Phone number (alt.)  |

| Oral assessment                        |                              |                             |                            |                              |                             |                            |                              |                             |                            |                              |                             |                            |
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| To assess                              | Date                         |                             |                            | Year                         |                             |                            | Month                        |                             |                            | Day                          |                             |                            |
|  | Year                         | Month                       | Day                        | Year                         | Month                       | Day                        | Year                         | Month                       | Day                        | Year                         | Month                       | Day                        |
| Lips                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Tongue                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Gums and palate                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Mucous membrane of the cheeks and lips | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Saliva                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Natural teeth                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Present                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            |
| Dentures                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Present                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |                            |
| Oral hygiene                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Pain                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |

**0 = healthy:** No abnormality  
**1 = slight deterioration:** Slight abnormality present. If the area is shaded, send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam  
**2 = severe deterioration:** Severe abnormality present. Send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam

**Always provide daily oral hygiene care according to the appropriate reminder card. However, residents who are admitted with one or more very loose teeth (severe mobility) or severe oral pain, with or without facial swelling, must urgently see the dentist before receiving daily oral hygiene care.**

Carry out the suggested interventions for the main oral health problems

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Send the resident to the dentist

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| Therapeutic Nursing Plan (TNP) |                              |                             |                              |                             |                              |                             |                              |                             |
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| TNP determined, adjusted       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Note written in file           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

| Nurse          |  |  |  |  |
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| Name:          |  |  |  |  |
| Signature:     |  |  |  |  |
| Permit number: |  |  |  |  |

| Structure                              | 0 = healthy  | 1 = slight deterioration  | 2 = severe deterioration   |
|--|--|---|--|
| Lips                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink</li> <li>• Moist</li> <li>• Smooth</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redness at the corners</li> <li>• Dry</li> <li>• Chapped</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red, white or ulcerated areas</li> <li>• Swelling or puffiness</li> <li>• Ulcerated and bloody areas at the corners</li> </ul>  |
| Tongue                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink</li> <li>• Moist</li> <li>• Normal</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red, fissured and shiny without swelling</li> <li>• Dry</li> <li>• Patches on some of the surface</li> <li>• Small ulcer visible</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Red or white patches on most of the surface</li> <li>• Large ulcer visible</li> </ul>   |
| Gums and palate                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink</li> <li>• Moist</li> <li>• Smooth</li> <li>• No bleeding</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localized redness or swelling</li> <li>• Dry</li> <li>• Localized or light bleeding</li> <li>• White patches, residue or coating on most of the surface</li> <li>• Ulcer or painful area present under the dentures</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diffuse redness or swelling</li> <li>• Diffuse or heavy bleeding</li> <li>• White patches, residue or coating on some of the surface</li> <li>• Several ulcers present under the dentures</li> </ul>                            |
| Mucous membrane of the cheeks and lips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink</li> <li>• Moist</li> <li>• Smooth</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localized redness or edema with shiny appearance</li> <li>• Dry</li> <li>• Residue or coating on most of the surface</li> <li>• Small ulcer visible</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red or white patches or diffuse edema</li> <li>• Residue or coating on some of the surface</li> <li>• Large ulcer visible</li> </ul>  |
| Saliva                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abundant, watery and fluid</li> <li>• Moist tissue</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal saliva</li> <li>• Dry or sticky tissue</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal or no saliva</li> <li>• Dry or red tissue</li> <li>• Thick saliva</li> </ul>  |
| Natural teeth                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No apparent cavities</li> <li>• No broken teeth</li> <li>• No decaying or broken roots</li> <li>• No looseness</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apparent cavity</li> <li>• Broken tooth</li> <li>• Decaying root</li> <li>• Slightly loose tooth</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several apparent cavities</li> <li>• Several broken teeth</li> <li>• Several decaying or broken roots</li> <li>• Very loose tooth</li> </ul>  |
| Dentures                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acrylic or metal structure in good condition</li> <li>• Teeth in good condition</li> <li>• Good retention and stability</li> <li>• Identified dentures</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acrylic or metal structure broken (minor break)</li> <li>• Broken or missing tooth</li> <li>• Poor retention or stability with or without lesions on the mucous membrane, gums or palate</li> <li>• Unidentified dentures</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acrylic or metal structure broken (major break)</li> <li>• Several broken or missing teeth</li> <li>• Does not wear their denture or denture is poorly adjusted</li> <li>• Wears their denture only with an adhesive</li> </ul> |
| Oral hygiene                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures</li> <li>• No bad breath</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localized presence of debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures</li> <li>• Bad breath noticeable during long interactions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General presence of debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures</li> <li>• Halitosis (very bad breath)</li> </ul>   |
| Pain                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No pain or signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occasional signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)</li> </ul>  |

Send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam and oral assessment.

Reference: J.M. CHALMERS et al., "The Oral Health Assessment Tool – Validity and Reliability", *Australian Dental Journal*, Vol. 50, No. 3, September 2005, pp. 191–199.