

Section L

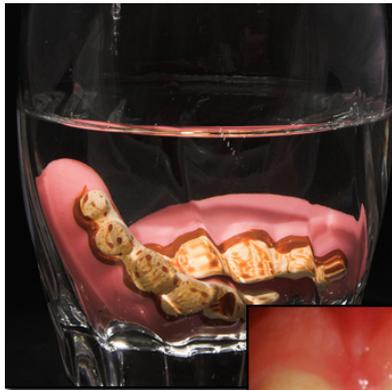
Oral/ Dental Status

Objectives

- State the intent of Section L Oral/Dental Status.
- Describe the steps for the oral assessment.
- Code Section L correctly and accurately.

Section L Intent

Record any dental **problems** present in the look-back period.



L0200 Importance

- Poor oral health has a negative impact:
 - Quality of life
 - Overall health
 - Nutritional status
- Assessment can identify periodontal disease that can cause or contribute to systemic diseases or conditions:
 - Aspiration
 - Pneumonia
 - Endocarditis
 - Poor control of diabetes

L0200 Conduct the Assessment₁

- Ask resident about chewing problems or mouth or facial pain or discomfort.
- Ask the resident or responsible party:
 - Does the resident have or recently had dentures or partials?
 - If yes but the resident does not have them at the facility, ask for a reason.



L0200 Conduct the Assessment₂

- Examine dentures/ partials for loose fit.
 - Ask resident to remove them.
 - Examine for chips, cracks, and cleanliness.
 - Removal of dentures is necessary for adequate assessment.
- Conduct exam of resident's lips and oral cavity with dentures/ partials removed.
 - Use light source to visualize the back of the mouth.
 - Visually observe and feel all oral surfaces.



L0200 Conduct the Assessment₃

- Check for the following:
 - Abnormal mouth tissue
 - Abnormal teeth
 - Inflamed or bleeding gums
- Use gloved fingers to adequately feel for masses or loose teeth.



L0200 Conduct the Assessment₄

- If resident is unable to self-report, observe the resident while eating with dentures or partials.
- Determine if chewing problems or mouth pain is present.



L0200 Assessment Guidelines

- Residents who are uncooperative and do not allow for a thorough oral exam may have medical conditions that are missed.
- Refer these residents for dental evaluation.
- Also refer any residents who exhibit dental or oral issues or pain for dental evaluation.
- Mouth or facial pain coded for this item should also be coded in Section J, items J0100 through J0850.

Section L Video



L0200 Coding Instructions

- Check all options that apply to this resident.

L0200. Dental	
↓ Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Broken or loosely fitting full or partial denture (chipped, cracked, uncleanable, or loose)
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. No natural teeth or tooth fragment(s) (edentulous)
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Abnormal mouth tissue (ulcers, masses, oral lesions, including under denture or partial if one is worn)
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Obvious or likely cavity or broken natural teeth
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Inflamed or bleeding gums or loose natural teeth
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. Mouth or facial pain, discomfort or difficulty with chewing
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Unable to examine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Z. None of the above were present

Section L Summary

- Section L is a new section in MDS 3.0.
- Calls for observation and examination of the resident's oral and dental status
- Oral health can impact resident's overall health, nutritional status, and quality of life.
- If an oral/ dental assessment cannot be completed, it may be necessary to have the resident evaluated by a dentist.