GG0130B. Oral Hygiene

B. Oral hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. Dentures (if applicable): The ability to insert and remove dentures into and from the mouth, and manage denture soaking and rinsing with use of equipment.

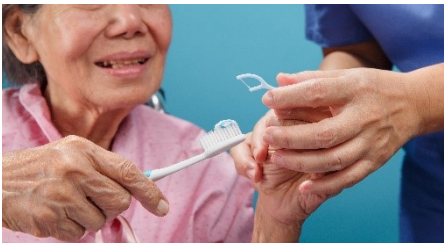
Assessment Timepoints

Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.



Oral Hygiene Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

Included:	Excluded:
• Cleaning of teeth, dentures, (and gums if edentulous). • Management of items and equipment used to brush teeth and gums and clean/soak dentures. • Insertion and removal of dentures.	• Walking to/from activity location.

Coding Tips

Oral hygiene identifies the patient's ability to clean teeth using suitable items. It includes the patient's ability to insert/remove dentures and to manage the soaking and rinsing of dentures with the use of equipment, if applicable.

Activity Performance Codes and Examples

06 – Independent	03 – Partial/moderate assistance
05 – Setup or clean-up assistance	02 – Substantial/maximal assistance
04 – Supervision or touching assistance	01 – Dependent

Each series of arrows below describes an oral hygiene scenario. The green arrows in the second and fourth columns identify key elements of each scenario that inform the coding of ***GG0130B. Oral hygiene.***

Patient R. has peripheral neuropathy affecting the dexterity in their hands. Before bedtime, the CNA provides steadying assistance as they walk to the bathroom.	The CNA applies toothpaste onto the toothbrush and leaves the bathroom. Patient R. then brushes their teeth at the sink without physical assistance or supervision.	Once Patient R. is done brushing their teeth, they wash their face and hands. The CNA returns and assists them to bed.	The CNA returns to the bathroom, rinses Patient R.'s toothbrush, and puts away the oral hygiene items.	**Code 05**
Patient B. is admitted after a recent stroke that resulted in functional and cognitive limitations.	Patient B. is able to brush their teeth at the bathroom sink but is unable to initiate the task on their own, requiring verbal prompts.	Patient B. uses an adaptive toothbrush.	The OT remains at Patient B.'s side and provides verbal cueing during the activity until they complete the task of brushing their teeth.	**Code 04**
Patient Z. is recovering from a severe traumatic brain injury. The CNA assists them into the bathroom.	The CNA applies toothpaste onto the toothbrush and hands it to Patient. Z., who stares blankly at the toothbrush and sets it down.	Patient Z. turns to leave the bathroom.	After redirection from the CNA, Patient Z. still does not engage in brushing their teeth. The CNA completes the activity of oral hygiene.	**Code 01**

Additional Clinical Considerations

- The activity of oral hygiene may be completed with or without the use of assistive device(s).
- If the patient is edentulous (without teeth), code according to the type and amount of assistance the patient needs to complete the activity.