

Oral health assessment tool

Resident:

Completed by:

Date:

Scores – You can circle individual words as well as giving a score in each category
 (* if 1 or 2 scored for any category please organise for a dentist to examine the resident)

0 = healthy 1 = changes* 2 = unhealthy*

Lips:

Smooth, pink, moist **0**

Dry, chapped, or red at corners **1**

Swelling or lump, white, red or ulcerated patch; bleeding or ulcerated at corners **2**

Dental pain:

No behavioural, verbal, or physical signs of dental pain **0**

There are verbal and/or behavioural signs of pain such as pulling at face, chewing lips, not eating, aggression **1**

There are physical pain signs (swelling of cheek or gum, broken teeth, ulcers), as well as verbal and/or behavioural signs (pulling at face, not eating, aggression) **2**

Natural teeth Yes/No:

No decayed or broken teeth or roots **0**

1–3 decayed or broken teeth or roots or very worn down teeth **1**

4+ decayed or broken teeth or roots, or very worn down teeth, or less than 4 teeth **2**

Oral cleanliness:

Clean and no food particles or tartar in mouth or dentures **0**

Food particles, tartar or plaque in 1–2 areas of the mouth or on small area of dentures or halitosis (bad breath) **1**

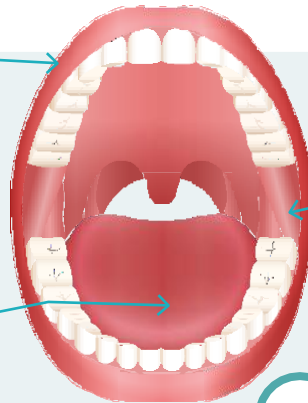
Food particles, tartar or plaque in most areas of the mouth or on most of dentures or severe halitosis (bad breath) **2**

Dentures Yes/No:

No broken areas or teeth, dentures regularly worn, and named **0**

1 broken area or tooth or dentures only worn for 1–2 hours daily, or dentures not named, or loose **1**

More than 1 broken area or tooth, denture missing or not worn, loose and needs denture adhesive, or not named **2**



Saliva:

Moist tissues, watery and **free flowing saliva** **0**

Dry, sticky tissues, little saliva present, resident thinks they have a dry mouth **1**

Tissues parched and red, little or no saliva present, saliva is thick, resident thinks they have a dry mouth **2**

Tongue:

Normal, moist roughness, pink **0**

Patchy, fissured, red, coated **1**

Patch that is red and/or white, ulcerated, swollen **2**

Gums and tissues:

Pink, moist, smooth, no bleeding **0**

Dry, shiny, rough, red, swollen, 1 ulcer or sore spot under dentures **1**

Swollen, bleeding, ulcers, white/red patches, generalised redness under dentures **2**

- Organise for resident to have a dental examination by a dentist
- Resident and/or family or guardian refuses dental treatment
- Complete oral hygiene care plan and start oral hygiene care interventions for resident
- Review this resident's oral health again on date:

TOTAL:

SCORE: 16