

**DAI 500.40.03 – Dental Record Keeping Standard Format
Attachment A – Abbreviations
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1. Tooth Surfaces

Use the following tooth surface abbreviations when recording existing restorations, carious surfaces, and restorative treatment provided.

Surface	Abbreviation
Buccal (labial & facial)	B
Lingual	L
Occlusal	O
Mesial	M
Distal	D
Incisal	I

2. Operations, Conditions and Treatment

Use of these abbreviations is not mandatory, but is desirable for purposes of brevity.

If there is a possibility of misinterpretation due to use of abbreviations, the procedure shall be written in full.

When abbreviations are used, they shall conform to the approved abbreviation list as follows:

Diagnostic Nomenclature	Abbreviation
Abutment	Abut.
Adjust (ed) (ment)	Adj.
Amalgam/Alloy	Am.
Anesthesia	Anes.
Apicoectomy	Apico.
Base	By type: IRM, Dycal, Cement
Bitewing – X-rays	BWX
Bridge (fixed partial denture)	FPD
Caries	Car.
Calculus	Calc.
Cement	Cem.
Composite	Comp.
Crown	Cr.
Curettage	Cur.
Deciduous	Decid.
Defective	Def.
Denture (complete, full)	FD
Duplicate	Dup.
Equilibrate	Equil.
Eugenol	Eug.
Examination	Exam.
Exposure	Exp.
Extraction - simple	Ext.
Fluoride	Fl.
Fracture	FX.
Full Cast Crown	FCC

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Full Mouth X-rays	FMX
General	Gen.
Gingival, -itis	Ging.
Gutta Percha	G.P.
Immediate	Imm.
Impacted	UE or PE.
Implant	Impl.
Impression	Impr.
Incised /incision	Inc.
Inserted	Ins.
Local	Loc.
Malocclusion	Malocc.
Mandibular	Mand.
Maxillary	Max.
Occlusal X-ray	OccX
Occlusion	Occl.
Oral Hygiene Instructions	OHI
Partially Erupted	PE
Periapical	PA.
Removable Partial Denture	RPD
Periapical X-ray	PAX
Pericoronitis	Pcor.
Periodontitis	Perio
Pontic	P
Porcelain	Porc.
Porcelain Jacket	PJ
Post & Core	P & C
Post Operative Treatment	Post Op Tx
Preparation	Prep.
Prophylaxis	Prophy.
Pulp Capping	(specify material)
Indirect	IPC
Direct	DPC
Recement	Recem.
Remove	Rem.
Reline	Rel.
Root Canal	RC or RCT
Root Plane	Rp
Scale	Sc
Sedative	Sed.
Silver Nitrate	AgNO3.
Stainless Steel Crown	SSC
Supernumary	Supnum
Surgical	Surg.

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Suture	Sut. BSS=Black silk CHR=chromic
Temporary	Temp.
Three-quarter Cast Crown	¾ CC
Topical	Top.
Treatment	TX.
Unerupted	UE
X-ray	XR
Double Bitewing	DBW
Single Bitewing	SBW
Periapical	PAX
Panoramic	PAN
Occlusal	OccX
Zinc Oxide Eugenol	ZOE.
Next Visit	NV
Post-op Instructions and gauze given	PostOp Instr & Gz
Wait List Type	Abbreviation
URGENT	U
ESSENTIAL ROUTINE	E/R
ROUTINE	R
PROSTHETIC ROUTINE	P/R
HYGIENE REQUEST	H
HYGIENE RECALL	H/RC
HYGIENE CHRONIC	H/CH