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 Timing

Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.

Oral Hygiene Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

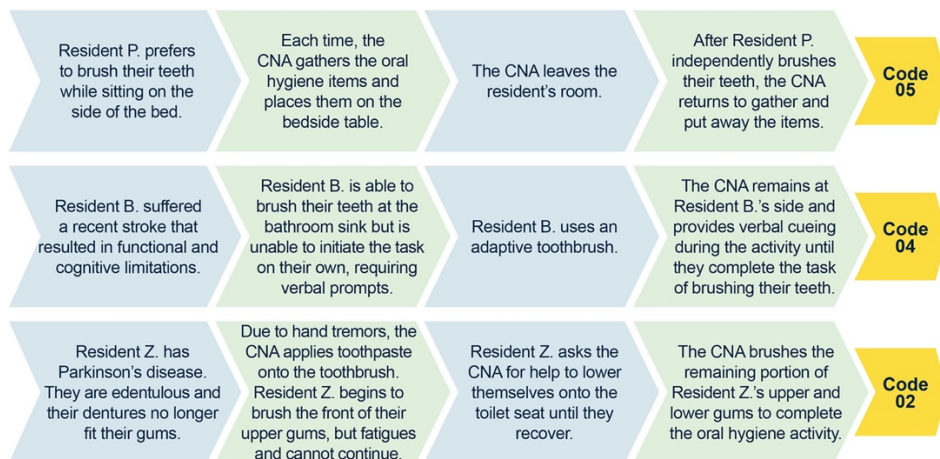| Included:	Excluded:
- Cleaning of teeth, dentures, (and gums if edentulous). - Management of items and equipment used to brush teeth and gums and clean/soak dentures. - Insertion and removal of dentures.	- Walking to/from activity location.

Coding Tips

Oral hygiene identifies the resident's ability to clean teeth using suitable items. It includes the resident'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.*

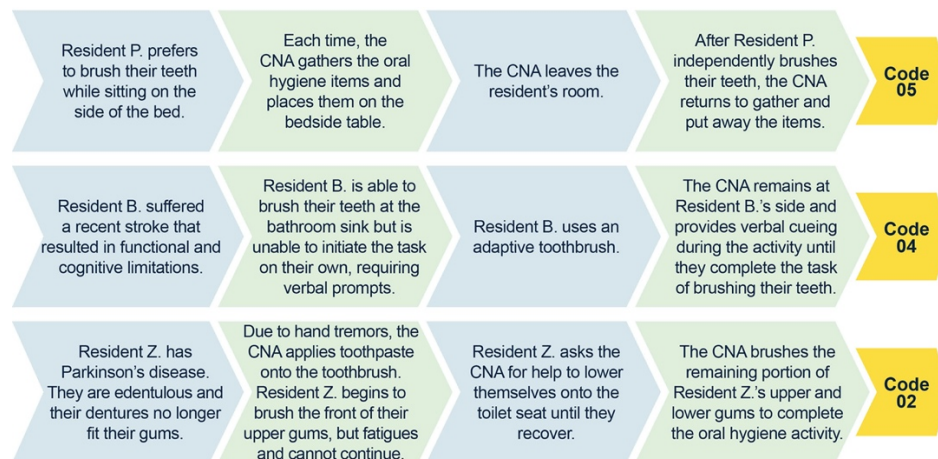|				
Resident P. prefers to brush their teeth while sitting on the side of the bed.	Each time, the CNA gathers the oral hygiene items and places them on the bedside table.	The CNA leaves the resident's room.	After Resident P. independently brushes their teeth, the CNA returns to gather and put away the items.	**Code 05**
Resident B. suffered a recent stroke that resulted in functional and cognitive limitations.	Resident B. is able to brush their teeth at the bathroom sink but is unable to initiate the task on their own, requiring verbal prompts.	Resident B. uses an adaptive toothbrush.	The CNA remains at Resident B.'s side and provides verbal cueing during the activity until they complete the task of brushing their teeth.	**Code 04**
Resident Z. has Parkinson's disease. They are edentulous and their dentures no longer fit their gums.	Due to hand tremors, the CNA applies toothpaste onto the toothbrush. Resident Z. begins to brush the front of their upper gums, but fatigues and cannot continue.	Resident Z. asks the CNA for help to lower themselves onto the toilet seat until they recover.	The CNA brushes the remaining portion of Resident Z.'s upper and lower gums to complete the oral hygiene activity.	**Code 02**

Additional Clinical Considerations

- The activity of oral hygiene may be completed with or without the use of assistive device(s).
- If the resident is edentulous (without teeth), assess for use of the appropriate oral hygiene tools and code according to the amount of assistance the resident needs to complete the activity.
- If a resident does not perform oral hygiene during therapy, determine the resident's abilities based on performance on the nursing care unit.