

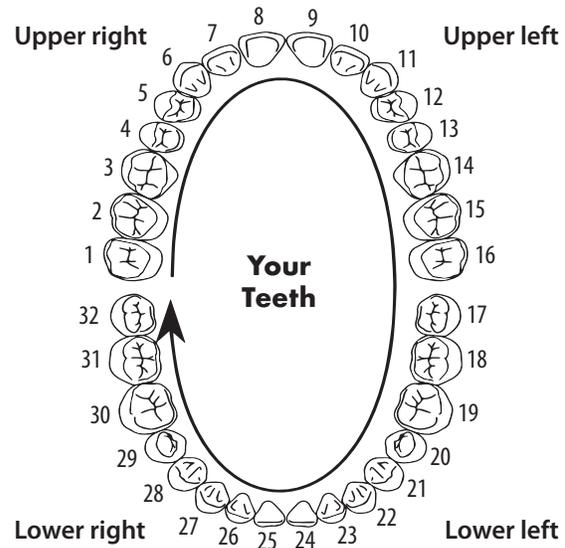
Common Dental Terms:

TEETH

Anterior: These are the teeth in the front of your mouth. These are made for biting into food but NOT chewing your food. Teeth #: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

Bicuspid: These teeth are also called pre-molar teeth and are essential for breaking down your food. They also have an important role in anchoring any partials into your mouth. Teeth #: 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29

Molar: Your back teeth are very important to your overall health! Without molars, you cannot eat properly as they have the flat surfaces needed to grind your food down into small enough pieces to be properly digested. They also assist in holding your jaw in position so you keep your youthful appearance! Teeth #: 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32



SPECIALTY TREATMENT

Endodontics: Root Canal Therapy and other treatment related to the “pulp” or “nerve” of the tooth.

Periodontics: Treatment that relates specifically to the gums and other tissues surrounding the teeth. Keeping the gums healthy is key to keeping teeth and the supporting bone structure healthy.

Oral Surgery: Any surgery in the mouth is called “oral surgery” and can be done by a general dentist or a specialist. All extractions are considered oral surgery but oral surgeons handle the more complicated extractions as well as care for diseases, deformities and defects of the mouth and jaw.

Orthodontics: An Orthodontist is the specialist who treats teeth that are not properly aligned by placing braces, retainers, or other devices to correct the bite and alignment of the teeth and jaw.

Pedodontics: Pediatric dentists care for children and often also care for special needs patients through adulthood.

FINANCIAL

Deductible: This is the amount of dental expense for which the patient is responsible for before their insurance will begin to pay for dental care. (DENCAP does not have deductibles on any DHMO dental plan).

Co-payment: Patient’s share of the dental bill. (See DENCAP Schedule of Benefits and Fixed Co-Payments for your plan’s co-payments).

Treatment Plan: A list of procedures and expected costs for completing treatment recommended to you by your dentist. Ask for a copy of your treatment plan so you can understand your treatment and know the exact costs ahead of time. (DENCAP can assist you if you have questions about your treatment).