



ADA Dental Terminology Licenses AVAILABLE TO LICENSE

The American Dental Association has developed three new dental terminology licenses that are now available to license. These licenses serve as tools for the utilization, simplification, and transparency of coding for healthcare procedures and transactions. Administrative simplification leads to time and cost savings across the entire healthcare industry.

- **Consumer-Friendly CDT**
- **SNODENT→ICD-10-CM→CDT (3-way Map)**
- **SNODENT→ICD-10-CM (2-way Map)**

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Annual Current Dental Terminology (CDT®) Code Set in English and Spanish

American Dental Association developed the Current Dental Terminology (CDT®) Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature as a standardized language to help dentists and other members of the healthcare industry communicate effectively.

The HIPAA-approved CDT Code Set is revised and accessible to licensees every year in June. Any commercial use of CDT requires a license.

Consumer-Friendly CDT in English and Spanish

Consumer-Friendly CDT uses plain and consistent language to describe dental procedures in a way that can be easily understood by patients and staff. Simple sentences and straightforward language are used to convey information to help promote price transparency so that patients are comfortable reading their description of services. Consumer-Friendly CDT includes a translation of every CDT 2026 code and nomenclature in English and Spanish. CDT descriptors are included, as needed, when additional context will help explain the procedure.

File is accessible to licensees every year in June

Annual SNODENT file

SNODENT (Systemized Nomenclature of Dentistry) is a set of clear, accurate terms created for use in electronic dental records. It is recognized by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an ADA/ANSI standard. SNODENT is harmonized with SNOMED-CT, the broader body of terms used in electronic medical records, making it a shared language for coordinated care. Researchers benefit from the analysis derived from data sets that use SNODENT. This language is also aligned with ICD-10-CM to facilitate accurate dental billing.

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Map for SNODENT→ICD-10-CM →CDT 2026 (3-way Map)

This file serves as an embedded mapping solution that connects SNODENT concepts for dental related disorders and findings to ICD-10-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification) disease classification codes to CDT (Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature), offering a comprehensive, accurate resource for clinical documentation and reporting of procedures and diagnoses.

The annual version is effective January 1 each year.

2024 file available now! File is accessible to licensees every year in October. Licensees must have all 3 licenses: SNODENT, CDT, and 3-way Map.

Map for SNODENT→ICD-10-CM (2-way Map), 2026 Edition

Use of structured information for clinical record keeping and reporting is essential to ensure seamless communication and efficient data management. The SNODENT to ICD-10-CM Map serves as an embedded mapping solution that connects SNODENT concepts for dental related disorders and findings to ICD-10-CM disease classification codes, offering a comprehensive, accurate resource for clinical documentation and diagnosis reporting. SNODENT and ICD-10-CM are updated annually.

The annual version is effective January 1 each year.

2024 file available December 2023. File is accessible to licensees every year in October. Licensees must have 2 licenses: SNODENT, and 2-way Map.

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