

Prosthetic Diagnostic Index (PDI) Classification System

PDI Partially Edentulous Worksheet

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Location and Extent of Edentulous Areas				
1 arch, MX ≤ 2 incisors, MD ≤ 4 incisors, ≤ 2 pre-molars, ≤ one pre-molar and a molar				
Both arches and otherwise same as above, or 1/both arches and missing canine(s)				
1/both arches, posterior area > 3 teeth or two molars, antero-post area ≥ 3 teeth				
Requiring high degree of patient compliance; guarded prognosis				
Congenital or acquired maxillofacial defect				
Abutment condition				
Localized adjunctive treatment (perio, endo, ortho)				
None				
1-2 sextants				
3 sextants				
≥ 4 sextants				
Insufficient tooth structure				
None				
1-2 sextants				
3 sextants				
≥ 4 sextants				
Occlusion				
No pre-prosthetic therapy				
Localized adjunctive therapy				
Re-establish entire occlusion, no change in OVD				
Re-establish entire occlusion, with change in OVD				
Residual ridge				
Class I edentulous				
Class II edentulous				
Class III edentulous				
Class IV edentulous				
Conditions creating a guarded prognosis				
Severe oral manifestations of systemic disease				
Maxillomandibular dyskinesia and/or ataxia				
Refractory patient				
ICD-9-CM diagnostic code	525.51	525.52	525.53	525.54

Guidelines for use of the worksheet

1. Any single criterion of a more complex class places the patient into the more complex class.
2. Consideration of future treatment procedures must not influence the diagnostic level.
3. Hopeless teeth should not be considered in applying the classification.
4. Initial preprosthetic treatment and/or adjunctive therapy can change the initial classification level
5. If there is an esthetic concern/challenge, the classification is increased in complexity by one or more levels.
6. In the presence of TMD symptoms, the classification is increased in complexity in one or more levels.
7. In the situation where the patient presents with an edentulous maxilla opposing a partially edentulous mandible, each arch is diagnosed with the appropriate classification system.