

Oral Assessment Tool 1

For Infants & Children in Ward Areas

- Use Oral Assessment Tool 1 (for the wards)
- Use Oral Assessment 2 (PICU's)
- Use Oral Assessment Tool 3 (St. Johns and HODU)

First Name:
 Surname:
 HCR No:

Addressograph

Oral Assessment Tool 1

Date										
Signature										
NMBI										
Time										
Soft Lips										
0 = Smooth, pink, moist										
1 = Dry or cracked										
2 = Ulcerated or bleeding										
Tongue										
0 = Pink, moist, papillae present										
1 = Coated or loss of papillae										
2 = Blistered or cracked										
Other, white spots, ulcers <i>(please detail)</i>										
Mucous Membrane										
0 = Pink and moist										
1 = Reddened or coated										
2 = Ulcerated */- bleeding										
Other, white spots, ulcers <i>(please detail)</i>										
Gingiva / Gums										
0 = Pink and moist										
1 = Oedematous / Redness										
2 = Spontaneous bleeding										
Other, white spots, ulcers <i>(please detail)</i>										
Teeth (if no teeth, score 1)										
0 = Clean and no debris										
1 = Localised plaque or debris										
2 = Generalised plaque / debris										
Dental Pain										
0 = No pain										
1 = Mild pain (Pain Tool)										
2 = Severe pain										
<i>Please use Pain Score as per Observations Chart (note location of pain)</i>										

If a score of 2 is given for any field, consider medical and / or dental review

GUIDANCE

1			All patients have an oral assessment with their admission assessment, use this tool to guide daily practice
2			If obvious oral hygiene needs, place the assessment tool in the patient end of bed notes for daily use.
3			Calculate a score per area and detail the score in the section provided
4			If a score of 2 is given to any area, consider referral to the dental department for review
5			Detail the assessment in Careplan 1 and suggest evaluation
6			See overleaf for daily dental hygiene guidance for infants and children

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