

# Dental Codeology Consortium\*

"Consortium" an agreement, combination, or group formed to undertake an enterprise beyond the resources of any one member.

## Vision:

Interprofessional healthcare providers leading the ongoing development of dental diagnostic and procedure codes.

## Mission:

To influence the creation, definition and maintenance of dental diagnostic and procedure codes.

## CORE VALUES:

- Strong scientific evidence-based decision making
- Critical thinking
- Competition-neutral language
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Ethics
- Fairness

## DCC GOAL #1:

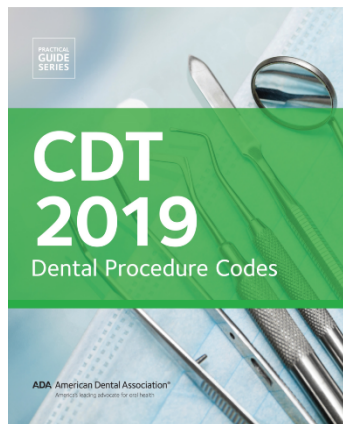
The CMC\* will include representation from the professions of

- Dental hygiene
- Dental assisting
- Dental business administration
- Dental therapy
- Medicine

## DCC GOAL #2:

Foster CDT Manual\* consistency and fairness in nomenclature and descriptors.

\*CDT Manual: A reference manual, published annually by the ADA, containing the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature.



## DCC GOAL #3

Write and submit code proposals ("submissions") to the CMC.

\*CMC: ADA's Code Maintenance Committee

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## 2018 ADA Code Maintenance Committee (CMC):

**21** representatives from the following organizations:

**5** representatives from the American Dental Association, one of whom will serve as chair. *Plus ...*

**1** representative from each of the **9** recognized dental specialty organizations

- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Association of Endodontists
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- American Association of Orthodontists
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
- American College of Prosthodontics

**1** representative from the Academy of General Dentistry

**1** representative from each of the following third-party payer organizations

- America's Health Insurance Plans
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Delta Dental Plans Association
- National Association of Dental Plans

**1** representative from the American Dental Education Association

## STRATEGIES:

1. Partner with other stakeholder organizations
2. Monthly online meetings
3. Form work-groups to focus on specific sections of the CDT Manual
4. Educate ourselves and others about coding issues
5. Survey members for input
6. Elicit participation from members
7. Research, investigate, report
8. Write code submissions
9. Present testimony at CMC meeting (with justifications, scenarios, and supporting documentation)

## ROLES for DCC members

1. Content experts
2. Researchers
3. Writers
4. Readers (esp. CDT Manual)
5. Investigators
6. Meeting facilitators / planners / assistants / coordinators
7. Note taker during online meetings (scribe)
8. Speakers (testimony)

## Gaps in the CDT Manual

(as identified by DCC members)

- Specialized oral hygiene assistance for gravely ill, hospitalized, homebound, or disabled persons?
- Teledentistry consultations, examinations, treatment planning, authorizations?
- Implant maintenance procedures?
- Various procedures performed with lasers?
- Statements about which provider type is responsible for any specific procedure or diagnosis?
- Outdated language pertaining to periodontal procedures and prophylaxis?

This infographic was prepared by Linda Jorgenson, RDH and is based on strategic planning outcomes of the DCC in 2018.