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**Digital codification of dental laboratory  
procedures**

*Codification numérique des procédures au laboratoire dentaire*

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Generally speaking, the aim of a “digital codification of dental laboratory procedures” is, in accordance with the codes of oro-dental health status and interventions (COSI), to introduce the advantages of standardization into the procedures of communication between the dental surgery (dental office, in the USA) and the dental laboratory.

Provisionally, the country code used in the examples herein is that of the international cable telephone. Some new developments presently occurring in the maintenance of the ISO country codes and its proposed use for Internet could make convenient a revision of this choice. A decision on that is pending.

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# Digital codification of dental laboratory procedures

## 1 Scope

This Technical Report provides a code of dental laboratory procedures which is digital so as to render it language-independent. This makes it convenient to use as a basic reference (a hub) for existing or future dental codes, and ensures their compatibility through simple softwares, which is the fundamental goal of the exercise.

In addition the digital code is intended to provide, as a result of built-in indexing functions:

- the identification and traceability of dental prostheses and materials, epidemiology and forensic dentistry, investment planning, teaching, research, industry, insurance systems, social services and regulatory authorities;
- the creation of performing databases for the field evaluation of materials, design and construction techniques of dental prostheses, and their effects, wanted or unwanted;
- the possibility of communication between the dental professions, dental industry and trade, on both qualitative and quantitative scales.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Technical Report. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this Technical Report are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3950:1984, *Dentistry — Designation system for teeth and areas of the oral cavity*

ISO 8601:1988, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO/TR 13668:1998, *Digital coding of oral health and care*

## 3 Principle

This proposal for a digital codification of dental laboratory procedures has the unique character of being based on:

- a) the OSI Index, through which the need for prosthetic procedures can be directly deduced from the oral status of the patient;
- b) a decimal logic, providing, through the individual value of the digit and its rank in a 13-element digital phrase compatible with most bar codes, easy identification and evaluation of the various characteristics of the prosthetic procedure;

- c) additional codes (not present in ISO 3950):
- missing tooth or teeth to be replaced in each quadrant shall be coded as follows:
    - 91 each missing tooth in the upper right quadrant;
    - 92 each missing tooth in the upper left quadrant;
    - 93 each missing tooth in the lower left quadrant;
    - 94 each missing tooth in the lower right quadrant;
  - missing temporary tooth or teeth to be replaced in each quadrant shall be coded as follows:
    - 95 each missing temporary tooth in the upper right quadrant;
    - 96 each missing temporary tooth in the upper left quadrant;
    - 97 each missing temporary tooth in the lower left quadrant;
    - 98 each missing temporary tooth in the lower right quadrant;
  - supernumerary teeth shall be indicated by repeating the code of the closest normal tooth.

Access to the data is protected to make sure that only the authorized user can use them.

## 4 Syntax

### 4.1 Software opening file line

Such a file line is useful in the case when, in a dental surgery, the dentist may not need to open this software every day. On the other hand, this software may be in constant operation in the dental laboratory. Having an opening file line provides this possibility.

EXAMPLE "isolab.e" for "ISO 15599 code for dental laboratory procedures, English version".

### 4.2 Dentist's identification code line

This code line reads as follows:

- a) 3 digits are presently dedicated to the identification of the country: International cable telephone code or ISO country code;
- b) 2 digits are for the subdivision in the country: county, state, territory or other administrative area division;
- c) 3 digits are for the concerned activity;
- d) 5 digits for the dentist's individual registration number.

Country	Area	Activity	Dentist
000	00	000	00000
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3 digits	2 digits	3 digits	5 digits

#### 4.3 Laboratory identification code line

This code line reads as follows:

- 3 digits are dedicated to the identification of the country;
- 2 digits are for the subdivision in the country: county, state, territory or other administrative area division;
- 3 digits are for the concerned activity;
- 5 digits are for the identified manufacturer inside the considered profession.

Country	Area	Activity	Manufacturer
000	00	000	00000
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3 digits	2 digits	3 digits	5 digits

#### 4.4 Code line for the identification of a custom-made medical device

This code line reads as follows:

- 6 digits for the requested date of delivery (ISO 8601);
- 1 digit for the OSI Index (ISO/TR 13668), according to the main intended use;
- 2 digits for the number of teeth concerned and/or replaced by the device(s);
- 3 digits for the laboratory device production number (these may be assigned, following the decision of the laboratory management, to a random or chronological order, by day, week or month);
- 1 digit as opening key of the following code line, or closure of the code line (for instance, label printing).

a.	b.	c.	d.	e.
000000	0	00	000	0
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6 digits	1 digit	2 digits	3 digits	1 digit

**4.5 Code line for the description and site of the medical device**

This code line reads as follows:

- a) 2 digits for the type of device, according to COSI (ISO/TR 13668);
- b) 1 digit for the number of different materials of which the device is made;
- c) 2 digits for the number of teeth replaced, restored or modified;
- d) 2 digits reserved for further description of the device, for instance: age of the patient (when the patient is more than one hundred years old, code 00);
- e) 4 digits (2+2) for the concerned sectors or sextants or areas (ISO 3950);
- f) 1 digit for the number of different devices;
- g) 1 digit for closure of the code line or as opening key to the following code line.

a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.
00	0	00	00	0000	0	0
--	-	--	--	----	-	-
2 digits	1 digit	2 digits	2 digits	4 digits	1 digit	1 digit

**4.6 Identification and origin of the device constituent materials**

ISO code material(s)	Dental metals and alloys				Ceramic materials or polymers				Closure key
	Nature  Base  Clause 6	Type  Second constituent  Clause 6	Class  Standard number  Clause 6	2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product	Category  Clause 7	Classification  Clause 7		2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product	
00 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	00	0
--	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	--	-

<sup>a</sup> = If the number is 84?, or 88 or 89?, another code line is opened.

This code line reads as follows:

- a) 2 digits for the general identification of material or materials;
- b) 3 digits for the identification of:
  - nature or base;
  - type or second constituent;
  - class or applicable standard;
- c) 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the manufacturer or provider of the materials constituting the medical device;

- d) 3 digits for the individual identification of the second material, if applicable;
- e) 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the manufacturer or provider of the second material constituting the medical device;
- f) 1 digit for closure of the code line or as opening key to the following code line.

a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.
∅∅	∅∅∅	∅∅	∅∅∅	∅∅	∅
--	---	--	---	--	-
2 digits	3 digits + 2 digits		3 digits + 2 digits		1 digit

**4.7 Optional code line for the identification of missing tooth/teeth to be replaced in individual prostheses**

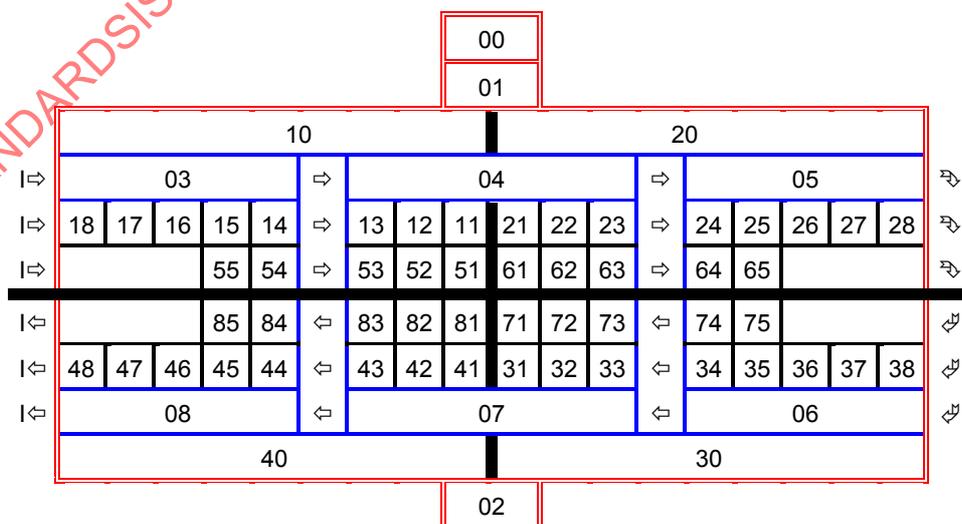
The individual prosthesis can be further described (see ISO 3950 and clause 3). This code line reads as follows:

- a) 2 digits for the 1<sup>st</sup> tooth on one side (from ISO 3950);
- b) 2 digits: for no tooth;
- c) 2 digits: for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tooth on the other side;
- d) 2 digits: for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tooth on one side;
- e) 2 digits for no tooth;
- f) 2 digits for the 4<sup>th</sup> tooth on the other side;
- g) 1 digit for key to open one other line or to close the code.

EXAMPLE 1 16 91 13 23 92 26 8 = between 16 and 13: No tooth; between 23 and 26: no tooth ;

EXAMPLE 2 91-15 = posterior edentulous.

write codes from 18 to 28



← = write codes from 38 to 48

Write codes from 18 to 28 and from 38 to 48.

Dental codes	From 18 to 48 or from 55 to 85			For temporary teeth		Key
∅∅	∅∅	∅∅	∅∅ <sup>a</sup>	∅∅ <sup>a</sup>	∅∅ <sup>a</sup>	∅
--	--	--	--	--	--	-
2 digits	2 digits	2 digits	2 digits	2 digits	2 digits	1 digit
<sup>a</sup> When applicable. If not: 00						

## 5 Descriptions and definitions of codes

### 5.1 Codes for dental laboratory procedures

- code 0: General;
- code 1: Models, Study, Project(s);
- code 2: Professional surface care.

2	0	0	0	0	Professional surface care
2	2	1	0	0	** Bleaching splint
2	6	1	0	0	* Fluoridation splint

- code 3: Orthodontics

3	0	0	0	0	Orthodontics
3	1	2	0	0	* Aids to diagnosis: – Study and rehabilitation model
3	1	3	0	0	* Impression tray
3	2	2	0	0	* Progress record model
3	3	0	0	0	** Prefabricated device
3	4	0	0	0	Retainer, removable
3	5	0	0	0	Retainer, fixed
3	6	0	0	0	Positioner, removable
3	7	0	0	0	Positioner, fixed
3	8	0	0	0	Not assigned
3	8	7	0	0	* Orthopaedic craniofacial rehabilitation (see also: 88.700 and 98.700)
3	9	0	0	0	Not coded: Documentation attached

- code 4: Periodontics

4	0	0	0	0	Periodontics
4	2	0	0	0	** Protection splint-mouth guard
4	8	0	0	0	** Contention splint custom-made EXAMPLE: Custom-made mouth protector

— code 5: Single tooth restoration

5	0	0	0	0	Single tooth restoration
5	7	0	0	0	** Laboratory preform (made in laboratory): EXAMPLE: Crown made in laboratory
5	8	0	0	0	** Factory-prefabricated product EXAMPLE: Prefabricated crown

— code 6: Not assigned

— code 7: Oro/dental surgery

7	0	0	0	0	Oro/dental surgery
7	4	0	0	0	Splint for fracture contention
7	7	0	0	0	Cosmetic and functional surgery/Restoration, monitoring and maintenance

⌂	⌂ *	↔	Additional codes (Not in ISO/TR 13668)
	⌂ **	↔	Additional lines (Not in ISO/TR 13668)

— code 8: Fixed prosthesis

8	0	0	0	0	Fixed prosthesis
8	1	0	0	0	Study model
8	2	0	0	0	
8	3	0	0	0	Bonded to enamel
8	4	0	0	0	Crown or inlay, cemented
8	5	0	0	0	Crown, inlay and implants, cemented
8	6	0	0	0	Bone-implanted abutment only
8	7	0	0	0	
8	8	0	0	0	
8	9	0	0	0	Not coded: documentation attached

— code 9: Removable prosthesis

9	0	0	0	0	Removable prosthesis
9	1	0	0	0	Aid to realization, study model
9	2	0	0	0	Partial prosthesis: Tooth and/or implant borne
9	3	0	0	0	Partial prosthesis: Tooth and/or implant and mucosa borne
9	4	0	0	0	Partial prosthesis: Mucosa borne
9	5	0	0	0	Full prosthesis: Residual root and mucosa borne
9	6	0	0	0	Full prosthesis: Mucosa borne - Implant attached
9	7	0	0	0	Full prosthesis, mucosa borne
9	8	0	0	0	Not coded: Documentation attached
9	9	0	0	0	

⌂	1:	From ISO/TR 13668, annex A
⌂	2:	From ISO/TR 13668, annex A + (** additional lines) not in ISO/TR 13668
⌂	3:	Not assigned (see: * additional codes) not in ISO/TR 13668
⌂	4:	Not assigned
⌂	5:	Not assigned

**5.2 Codes for materials** (see ISO/TR 13668)

Codes for definition of products: 2 digits followed by codes for the contents, for example 86 = metal ceramic system, followed by (at random): 254 = noble alloy, or other code to be defined, followed by (at random) 345 = manufacture reference of ceramic used. The choice of three-digit codes and their use is left to the manufacturer.

80	Any factory- or custom-formed material
81	Metal
82	Polymer
83	Ceramic or cast glass
84	Metal + Polymer
85	Metal + Ceramic
86	Metal/ceramic system
87	Polymer + Ceramic
88	Metal + Polymer + Ceramic
89	Not coded: Mandatory information attached

**5.3 Codes for laboratory steps** (see ISO/TR 13668)

	70	Any laboratory step
	71	Working or study model
	72	Pattern for bite registration
	73	Assembly — Preforms — Teeth
	74	Assembly — Preforms — Wire/metal
	75	Pattern investment
	76	Final form
	77	* Repair and/or extend
	78	* Rebase
	79	Not coded: Information attached

\* Additional codes (not present in ISO/TR 13668)

**6 Classification of dental metals and alloys**

A	1st digit	= Base	if 9: Mandatory document attached
B	2nd digit	= Second constituent	
C	3rd digit	= Standard number	
D	+ 2 digits	= 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product	
E			

Column A: Base	Column B: Second constituent	Column C: Standard number	Columns D and E: 2 digits
Ti 0	Nothing = 0	N° 1 not assigned	by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product
Au 1	Au 1	N° 2 not assigned	
Pt 2	Pt 2	N° 3 = ISO 6871-1	
Ag 3	Ag 3	N° 4 = ISO 6871-2	
Pd 4	Pd 4	N° 5 = ISO 8071	
Ni 5	Ni 5	N° 6 = ISO 1562	
Co 6	Co 6	N° 7 not assigned	
7	Cr 7	N° 8 not assigned	
Fe 8	Mo 8		
Others 9	Cu 9	N° 9 = information attached	N° 9 = information attached

## 7 Classification of non-metallic materials

### 7.1 Ceramic codes

Column:

A	1st digit	= category of ceramic; if 9: mandatory document attached
B	2nd digit	= classification: occlusal wear; if 9: mandatory document attached
C	3rd digit	= not assigned; if 9: mandatory document attached
D + E	+ 2 digits	= 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product; if 9: mandatory document attached

- A
- 1 = classical ceramic on platinum foil
  - 2 = all-ceramic system (lost wax technique)
  - 3 = very low fusion ceramic for metallo-ceramic system on titanium or titanium alloys
  - 4 = low fusion ceramic for metallo-ceramic system
  - 5 = not assigned
  - 6 = ceramic for metallo-ceramic system on alloys with gold base
  - 7 = not assigned
  - 8 = ceramic prefabricated teeth
  - 9 = mandatory document attached
- B
- 0 to 8 = not assigned; if 9: mandatory document attached
- C
- not assigned; if 9: mandatory document attached
- D and E
- = 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product

7.2 Polymer codes

Column

A	1st digit	= category of polymer; if 9: mandatory document attached
B	2nd digit	= classification: occlusal wear; if 9: mandatory document attached
C	3rd digit	= not assigned; if 9: mandatory document attached
D + E	+ 2 digits	= 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product; if 9: mandatory document attached

- A
- 1 = resin of copolymer base (classical acrylic)
  - 2 = injection-moulded resin
  - 3 = polyvinyl
  - 4 = tooth-coloured resin for jacket crowns and veneers
  - 5 = composite resin
  - 6 = heat- and pressure-processed resin
  - 7 = composite resin and associated acrylic for prefabricated teeth
  - 8 = resin for acrylic rapid-erosion prefabricated teeth for temporary prosthesis
  - 9 = mandatory document attached
- B
- 0 to 8 = not assigned
  - 9 = mandatory document attached
- C
- not assigned; if 9: mandatory document attached
- D and E
- = 2 digits by which the laboratory codes the origin of the product

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## Annex A (informative)

### COSI (from ISO/TR 13668:1998, annex A)

COSI = Codes for Oral Status & Interventions

Basic decimal principle: Health = 0					Handicap/Dependence = 1				
<b>ORAL STATUS (e.g. intervention needed):</b>									
Assess/Record.	Instruction	Surface	and support care	Tooth-restoration	Removal	Hard and soft tissue replacement		see ICD	
0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5 0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	- 1
<b>DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION OF PROCEDURES (Interventions column, 1st digit):</b>									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Exam. & Aids to diagnosis	Explan. Exercise	Professional surface care	Orthodont.	Periodont.	Enam/dentin restoration	Endodont.	Surgery	Fixed prosthesis	Removable prosthesis

#### CODES FOR PROCEDURES

<b>00Ø OSI Examination/record</b> 01Ø General preliminary exam. 02Ø Diagnosis 03Ø Microbiological sampling 04Ø Bite-wing X-ray 05Ø X-ray, intra-oral film  06Ø X-ray, extra-oral film 07Ø Biopsy 08Ø Cytological sampling 09Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>20Ø Professional surface care</b> 21Ø Exam./Plan/Explain/Prescr. 22Ø ..... 23Ø Stain removal 24Ø Calculus removal, light 25Ø Calculus removal, heavy  26Ø Caries preventive applicat. 27Ø Pits and fissures sealing 28Ø ..... 29Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>40Ø Periodontics</b> 41Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 42Ø ..... 43Ø Recontour 44Ø Root cleaning 45Ø Curetage  46Ø Applied medication 47Ø ..... 48Ø ..... 49Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>60Ø Endodontics</b> 61Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 62Ø Temporary dressing 63Ø Lining 64Ø Capping, indirect 65Ø Capping, direct  66Ø Chamber  67Ø Root canal(s) 68Ø Root canal re-treatment 69Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>80Ø Fixed prosthesis</b> 81Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 82Ø ..... 83Ø Enamel bonded 84Ø Crown/inlay cemented 85Ø Crown/inlay + Implant cem. 86Ø Bone-implanted abut. only 87Ø ..... 88Ø ..... 89Ø Not coded: Description mandatory
<b>10Ø Instruct/Exercise/Monitor</b> 11Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 12Ø General oral health, diet 13Ø Mucosal exam. 14Ø Gingival exam. 15Ø Enamel exam. 16Ø Force/position control 17Ø Pain relief/desensitizat.  18Ø ..... 19Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>30Ø Orthodontics</b> 31Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 32Ø Monitor development 33Ø ..... 34Ø Retainer, removable 35Ø Retainer, fixed 36Ø Positioner, removable 37Ø Positioner, fixed  38Ø ..... Not yet assigned 39Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>50Ø Single tooth restoration</b> 51Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 52Ø Direct insertion, metallic 53Ø Direct insertion, non-metallic 54Ø Direct insertion, metallic, late 55Ø Direct insertion, non-metallic, late 56Ø Direct insert extended/repared 57Ø Laboratory preform  58Ø Factory preform 59Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>70Ø Oro/dental surgery</b> 71Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 72Ø Extraction, tooth 73Ø Access to other procedure 74Ø Trauma, fracture reduct. 75Ø Lesion, foreign body, etc. 76Ø Tumour 77Ø Cosmet/funct. Rest/maint.  78Ø Pain-control procedure 79Ø Not coded: Description mandatory	<b>90Ø Removable prosthesis</b> 91Ø Exam./Plan/Explain./Prescr. 92Ø Partial. tooth/implant borne 93Ø Partial. t./i. & mucosa borne 94Ø Partial. mucosa borne 95Ø Full denture. roots/m. borne 96Ø Full denture. implants attached 97Ø Full denture. mucosa borne 98Ø ..... 99Ø Not coded: Description mandatory