

Figure 3. Oral health care assessment and algorithm mouth assessment



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1. To be completed on admission
2. Look into the patient's mouth using a pen torch
3. Use the highest score for each section
4. Repeat in line with care plan

Score	Care Plan
0-1	Low Risk
0-4	Medium Risk
5+	High Risk

Surname	Unit No
Forename	NHS No
Address	DOB
Postcode	(or affix patient label)

	Low risk Score 0	Medium risk Score 1	High risk Score 5	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
				Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score
Patient condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Independent » Alert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Frail » Mild cognitive impairment » Refusing oral intake » Difficulty self-feeding » Dysphagia - diet modification only (level 4, 5, 6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Nil by mouth » Severe cognitive impairment » Unable to communicate » Unable to manage own secretions or saliva » Tracheostomy » Ventilated » Unconscious » Dysphagia with diet and fluid modification 							
Oral cavity (lips, tongue, cheeks, palate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Pink and moist » Clean » Saliva present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dry and Cracked » Sticky secretions » Food debris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Swollen » Ulcerated » White coating 							
Teeth or dentures - please circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Clean » Well fitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Unclean » Broken » Ill fitting » Patient not willing to remove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Painful » Unable to wear 							
Gums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Clean » Moist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Unclean » Bleeding » Inflamed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Facial swelling » Severe pain 							
Overall score										
Signed										

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