
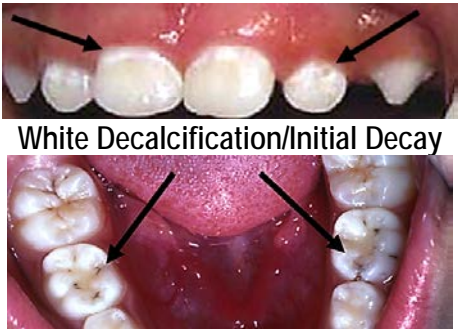
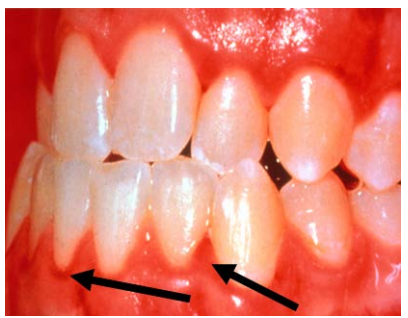








# Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program

## Dental Referral Classification Guide

This guide is intended to be used by CHDP/EPSDT providers when referring children for dental services. Classifications are determined by the urgency of treatment needs.

<p><b>Class I:</b>  <b>No Visible Dental Problems</b>          (no decalcification, caries, or gingivitis)</p> <p>Mandated annual routine dental referral (beginning no later than age 1 and recommended every 6 months)</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Appears Healthy but Needs Routine Referral</p>	
<p><b>Class II:</b>  <b>Beginning Dental Problems</b>          (white decalcification/initial decay, small carious lesions, or gingivitis)</p> <p>The patient is asymptomatic. Condition is not urgent, yet requires a dental referral "before progression occurs."</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">White Decalcification/Initial Decay</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Carious Lesions</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Mild Gingivitis</p>
<p><b>Class III:</b>  <b>Urgent Dental Problems</b>          (large carious lesions, abscess, extensive gingivitis, or pain)</p> <p>Urgent dental care is needed. If abscess is suspected ensure that child is seen within 24 hours. Condition can progress rapidly to an emergency.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For <u>severe</u> medically handicapping malocclusion or craniofacial anomaly refer child to a dentist or California Children's Services (CCS).</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Large Carious Lesions</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Abscess</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Early Childhood Caries (ECC)</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Extensive Gingivitis</p>
<p><b>Class IV:</b>  <b>Emergent Dental Problems</b>          (acute injury, oral infection, or other painful condition)</p> <p>Immediate dental referral.          Emergency dental treatment is required within 24 hours.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Acute Injuries</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Oral infection/Cellulitis</p>