

# Dental Surgery Complication Classification Scale

CLASS	DEFINITION
1	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course without the need for pharmacological treatment, dental or surgical interventions.</p> <p>Full resolution can be obtained over the phone/text/email by dental personnel or by the dental surgeon. The patient does not need to leave their residence for full resolution of the complication.</p> <p>There is no expense to either party.</p>
2	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than what is already prescribed or the need for dental intervention.</p> <p>The patient may need to return to the dental clinic, but does not need to see the dental surgeon for full resolution of the complication.</p> <p>The complication requires the patient to leave their residence for management.</p> <p>Cost to the patient due to travel/time away from work and they may incur additional expenses.</p> <p>Lost opportunity cost to the dental personnel, but not the dental surgeon directly.</p>
3	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course requiring surgical, dental or prosthetic intervention by the dental surgeon.</p> <p>The patient and dental surgeon need to meet for full resolution of the complication.</p> <p>Full resolution of the complication requires exactly one appointment.</p> <p>Cost to patient due to travel time/time away from work and they may incur additional expenses.</p> <p>Lost opportunity cost to the dental surgeon.</p>
4	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course requiring surgical, dental or prosthetic intervention by the dental surgeon.</p> <p>The patient and dental surgeon need to meet for full resolution of the complication.</p> <p>Full resolution of the complication requires two or more appointments.</p> <p>Cost to the patient due to travel time/time away from work and they may incur additional expenses.</p> <p>Lost opportunity cost to dental surgeon and additional expense incurred for full resolution of the complication.</p>
5	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course requiring surgical, dental or prosthetic intervention by the dental surgeon and a third party dental specialist.</p> <p>Full resolution of the complication requires one or more appointments with the dental surgeon and one or more appointments with a third party dental specialist.</p> <p>Expense incurred by both the patient and dental surgeon.</p>
6	<p>Any deviation from the normal post-operative course requiring hospitalization.</p> <p>Full resolution of the complication is beyond the scope of dentistry.</p> <p>Expense incurred by the patient, dental surgeon and health care system.</p>
7	<p>Death of a patient.</p>