

# Dental notation systems

## UNIVERSAL

ADA STANDARD; USED BY AMERICAN G.P.'s

R	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	L
	32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25	24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17	

Teeth are numbered clockwise from the patient's upper right third molar.

ClearCorrect uses Universal notation internally for all cases, and then converts to FDI or Palmer for presentation to the doctor when necessary.

**Primary** teeth are named clockwise using letters.

right	A B C D E	F G H I J	left
	T S R Q P	O N M L K	

Add 50 to the closest tooth for **supernumerary secondary** teeth.

R	51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58	59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66	L
	82 81 80 79 78 77 76 75	74 73 72 71 70 69 68 67	

Add "s" to the closest tooth for **supernumerary primary** teeth.

right	As Bs Cs Ds Es	Fs Gs Hs Is Js	left
	Ts Ss Rs Qs Ps	Os Ns Ms Ls Ks	

## FDI

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD (ISO 3950)

R	18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	L
	48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	

The first digit represents the quadrant, numbered clockwise. The second digit represents the tooth's position, numbered distally from the central incisors.

The digits can optionally be separated with a decimal point to differentiate from Universal notation, like this:

**1.4**

The quadrants are 5, 6, 7, and 8 for **primary** teeth.

right	55 54 53 52 51	61 62 63 64 65	left
	85 84 83 82 81	71 72 73 74 75	

Add "s" to the closest tooth for **supernumerary** teeth.

R	18s 17s 16s 15s 14s 13s 12s 11s	21s 22s 23s 24s 25s 26s 27s 28s	L
	48s 47s 46s 45s 44s 43s 42s 41s	31s 32s 33s 34s 35s 36s 37s 38s	

right	55s 54s 53s 52s 51s	61s 62s 63s 64s 65s	left
	85s 84s 83s 82s 81s	71s 72s 73s 74s 75s	

## PALMER

USED BY AMERICAN ORTHOS + U.K.

R	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	L
	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	

The teeth are numbered distally from the central incisors. Individual teeth are represented with borders to indicate the quadrant, like this: **4**

There are characters for this ( $\perp \perp \perp$ ), but they're hard to type, so people often use abbreviations like this:

**UR4**

Or slashes, like this:

8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1/\1\2\3\4\5\6\7\8

**Primary** teeth are named distally using letters.

right	E D C B A	A B C D E	left
	E D C B A	A B C D E	

Add "s" to the closest tooth for **supernumerary** teeth.

R	8s 7s 6s 5s 4s 3s 2s 1s	1s 2s 3s 4s 5s 6s 7s 8s	L
	8s 7s 6s 5s 4s 3s 2s 1s	1s 2s 3s 4s 5s 6s 7s 8s	

right	Es Ds Cs Bs As	As Bs Cs Ds Es	left
	Es Ds Cs Bs As	As Bs Cs Ds Es	

# Universal

FDI  
Palmer

