

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE)

Acronyms and Abbreviations Guide

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The following acronyms and abbreviations may appear on the examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and/or the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT).

AED	Automated external defibrillator
BOP	Bleeding on probing
ASA	Anterior superior alveolar branch of the infraorbital nerve
BP	Blood pressure
CAL	Clinical attachment level
CBCT	Cone-beam computed tomography
CEJ	Cementoenamel junction
CPI	Community periodontal index
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure device
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
DEJ	Dentinoenamel junction
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
dmft	Decayed, missing, and filled primary teeth
DMFT	Decayed, missing, and filled permanent teeth
dmfs	Decayed, missing, and filled surfaces (for primary teeth)
DMFS	Decayed, missing, and filled surfaces (for permanent teeth)
EMS	Emergency medical services
GBR	Guided bone regeneration
GTR	Guided tissue regeneration
HbA1c	Hemoglobin A1c
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
IAN	Inferior alveolar nerve
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MSA	Middle superior alveolar branch of the infraorbital nerve
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PDI	Periodontal disease index
PDL	Periodontal ligament
PHP	Patient hygiene performance index
PID	Position indicating device
PSA	Posterior superior alveolar branch of the maxillary nerve
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
Temp	Temperature
TMD	Temporomandibular disorder
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
Tx	Treatment

Tooth surfaces

B	Buccal
D	Distal
F	Facial
L	Lingual
M	Mesial
O	Occlusal

Note: Tooth surface abbreviations can be combined to indicate multiple surface lesions or anatomy.
Examples: MO=Mesial-Occlusal; MOD=Mesial-Occlusal-Distal; MODB=Mesial- Occlusal-Distal-Buccal