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About the Alberta Dental Association

The Alberta Dental Association is the collective voice of dentists in Alberta. We strengthen and support the dental profession and promote oral health as an integral part of general health for all Albertans. We support dentists in all aspects of their professional and personal lives as we believe that healthy dentists mean healthy Albertans.

Our dental community provides the public with information and services to encourage the best oral health possible. We also provide information and transparency by developing the Alberta Dental Fee Guide, a set of suggested fees for various oral health services and procedures.

Important information about this abbreviated guide

The *Abbreviated Alberta Dental Fee Guide for General Dentists* provides information on common dental procedures and fees to help Albertans understand how a dentist *may* determine their fees. **Please note that each dentist sets their own fees for the services they provide and the procedures in this guide may not cover your specific treatment needs or the actual cost of your care.** Talk to your dentist for more details on your treatment options and the associated costs.

Prevention services

These services prevent oral diseases or their progression.

Polishing

A service that removes stain and plaque. One unit of time is 15 minutes.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 11101 | \$71.54 | One unit of time (15 minutes) |
| 11107 | \$35.77 | Half unit of time (7.5 minutes) |

Scaling

The process to remove calculus/tarter and hardened debris from the tooth's surface above and below the gum line. One unit of time is 15 minutes. Time spent on the provision of a service begins when the practitioner begins preparing themselves and the patient for its delivery and ends when another service is initiated or when the patient is discharged from the operatory.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 11111 | \$80.30 | One unit of time (15 minutes) |
| 11112 | \$160.60 | Two units of time (30 minutes) |
| 11113 | \$240.90 | Three units of time (45 minutes) |
| 11117 | \$40.15 | Half unit of time (7.5 minutes) |

Fluoride Treatment

A preventive service to reduce the risk of getting cavities.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|---------|---|
| 12112 | \$34.66 | Topical fluoride – services such as the application of a gel or foam fluoride treatment to reduce the risk of getting cavities "Could also be applied as a varnish (code 12113) |

Sealants

Coatings applied to the chewing surfaces of back teeth to reduce the risk of cavity development.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|---------|---|
| 13401 | \$39.01 | Single tooth – coating to reduce the risk of cavity development |

Diagnostic Services

The following are common services that aid in the detection and diagnosis of diseases or conditions of the mouth, head, and neck, including check-ups.

Exams

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 01101 | \$81.82 | Primary dentition – complete examination of a child with baby teeth only |
| 01102 | \$111.51 | Mixed dentition – complete examination of a child with a mix of baby and adult teeth |
| 01103 | \$116.66 | Permanent dentition – complete examination of an adult generally with only adult teeth |
| 01202 | \$73.85 | Recall oral examination – examination of an adult or child previously seen by the same dentist |
| 01204 | \$73.85 | Specific examination – examination of an issue in a localized area only |
| 01205 | \$73.85 | Emergency examination – examination and investigation of pain or infection in a localized area only |

Periodontal

Relates to the gums, bone, and other supporting structures of the teeth and mouth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|--|
| 01501 | \$236.91 | Periodontal examination – includes recording of gum pocket depth |

Periapical

A type of x-ray that shows the entire tooth crown, root, and surrounding bone of the teeth. It detects changes in the bone and surrounding tissues, cysts, bone tumors, and abscesses.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 02111 | \$34.26 | Single periapical x-ray image |
| 02112 | \$54.60 | Two periapical x-ray images |

Bitewing

This is a type of x-ray that shows the crowns of several upper and lower teeth simultaneously. It helps to detect cavities between teeth, evaluate your bone health, and detect calculus deposits.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|----------------------------|
| 02142 | \$54.60 | Two bitewing x-ray images |
| 02144 | \$100.36 | Four bitewing x-ray images |

Panoramic

This type of x-ray shows many structures at once including the teeth, bone around the teeth, the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and other structures of the face. Keep in mind that additional x-rays, like periapical and bitewings, may be required where additional information is required.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|------------------------------|
| 02601 | \$101.53 | Single panoramic x-ray image |

Restoration Services

Procedures that replace lost tooth structure such as fillings or crowns.

Primary Teeth

Metal silver-coloured filling for baby teeth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|--|
| 21112 | \$162.24 | Two surfaces – metal silver coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Amalgam, Bonded, Permanent Molars

Metal silver-coloured filling for adult teeth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 21242 | \$229.57 | Two surfaces – metal silver coloured bonded filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Prefabricated, Metal, Primary Crown

A crown or cap for baby teeth frequently referred to as a stainless-steel crown or cap.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 22211 | \$238.03 | Primary posterior – metal crown for a baby back tooth |

Permanent Anteriors, Bonded Technique

Tooth-coloured filling for adult front teeth

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 23111 | \$160.07 | One surface – tooth coloured filling that includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23112 | \$191.60 | Two surfaces – tooth coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23113 | \$236.98 | Three surfaces – tooth coloured filling that includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Permanent Bicuspid

Tooth-coloured fillings for adult bicuspid teeth. Bicuspid are also referred to as premolars.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 23311 | \$167.82 | One surface – tooth-coloured filling that includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23312 | \$233.78 | Two surfaces – tooth-coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23313 | \$273.80 | Three surfaces – tooth-coloured filling that includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Permanent Molars

Tooth-coloured fillings for adult molar teeth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 23321 | \$175.42 | One surface – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23322 | \$247.30 | Two surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |
| 23323 | \$292.78 | Three surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Tooth-Coloured, Primary Posteriors

Tooth-coloured filling on a baby back molar tooth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 23512 | \$213.60 | Two surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on a baby molar includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces |

Crown, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass – Uncomplicated

A crown, also called a cap covering of a tooth with metal, porcelain or porcelain fused to metal. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 27211 | \$986.87 | Fused to metal base +L – a crown or cap commonly referred to as porcelain fused to metal crown. |

Endodontics

Root Canal Therapy the treatment of a tooth having a damaged pulp/nerve.

Pulpotomy, Primary Teeth

The removal of the coronal/top portion of the pulp/nerve of a baby tooth so that the pulp/nerve in the root remains intact and viable.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|---------|---|
| 32232 | \$90.64 | Concurrent with restoration – removal of the coronal portion of the pulp/nerve of a baby tooth (does not include the final restoration) |

Root Canals, Permanent – Uncomplicated

Includes completely removing the pulp/nerve, sterilizing the pulp/nerve chamber and root canal spaces, and filling these spaces with sealing material.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|------|-----|-------------|
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|--------------|------------|--|
| 33111 | \$761.19 | One canal – root canal of a tooth with 1 canal |
| 33121 | \$1,108.48 | Two canals – root canal of a tooth with 2 canals |
| 33131 | \$1,296.32 | Three canals – root canal of a tooth with 3 canals |

Periodontics – Oral Disease

Diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and conditions of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth.

Root Planing

The scraping of a bacteria-impregnated layer of cementum from the surface of a tooth root to prevent or treat periodontitis (gum disease). One unit of time is 15 minutes.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 43421 | \$86.89 | One unit of time (15 minutes) |
| 43422 | \$173.78 | Two units of time (30 minutes) |
| 43423 | \$260.68 | Three units of time (45 minutes) |
| 43424 | \$347.57 | Four units of time (60 minutes) |

Prosthodontics – Removable

Dentures partial or complete that can be removed by the patient. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Standard

Uncomplicated complete denture/ partial lower removable denture.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|----------|--|
| 51101 | \$968.41 | Maxillary +L – complete upper removable denture |
| 51102 | \$968.41 | Mandibular +L – complete lower removable denture |
| 53102 | \$967.32 | Mandibular +L – partial lower removable cast metal frame free end (no back teeth to support the denture) |

Adjustments, Partial or Complete Denture, Minor

Adjustment for any reason to a partial/complete denture. A unit of time is 15 minutes.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|---------|---------------------|
| 54201 | \$83.45 | One unit of time +L |

Repair, Complete Denture, Impression Required

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|----------|---|
| 55201 | \$168.65 | Maxillary +L – upper denture repair impression required |

Reline, Processed, Complete Denture

Resurface the tissue side of a denture with new material to improve the fit.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|--|
| 56231 | \$273.03 | Maxillary +L – upper complete processed denture reline |

Prosthodontics – Fixed

Prosthetics that cannot be removed by the patient, replaces one or more missing teeth and is attached to natural teeth and/or implants. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Pontics, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass

Artificial tooth portion of a bridge that replaces a missing tooth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 62501 | \$524.73 | Fused to metal +L – type of artificial tooth connected to other pontics or the bridge retainers |

Retainers, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass, Fused to Metal Base

Cap or crown on the tooth or teeth that retains a bridge in the mouth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|------------|--|
| 67211 | \$1,078.99 | Fused to metal Base +L – type of bridge retainers that pontics attach to |

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

The removal of teeth.

Removals, Erupted Teeth - Uncomplicated

The extraction (pulling) an erupted tooth.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 71101 | \$160.60 | Single tooth, uncomplicated – extraction (pulling) of 1 erupted tooth |

Removal, Erupted Teeth - Complicated

Extraction (pulling) of an erupted tooth requiring a surgical approach.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|-------|----------|---|
| 71201 | \$289.63 | Odontectomy, (extraction), erupted tooth, surgical approach, requiring surgical flap (cutting of the gums) and/or sectioning of tooth |

Orthodontics

The supervision, guidance, and correction of the growing or mature dental and facial structures.

Observations and Adjustments

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|---------|--|
| 80601 | \$92.39 | For tooth guidance – refers to items including observation of tooth position, eruption sequence, serial extraction supervision |

Appliances, Removable, Cross-Bite Correction

A condition in which the upper teeth bite inside the lower teeth. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

| Code | Fee | Description |
|--------------|----------|--|
| 81121 | \$379.48 | Maxillary, simple +L – upper appliance to correct a cross-bite |