



# Dental Clinical Policy

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## Description

This document addresses the procedures for guided tissue regeneration.

## Clinical Indications

Guided tissue regeneration is a surgical procedure used to achieve new bone, cementum and periodontal ligament (PDL) attachment to a periodontally diseased tooth. Guided tissue regeneration may be appropriate for:

- Class II furcation involvement
- Vertical defects (intrabony and infrabony)
- Adjunctive use with bone grafting

## Criteria

1. Guided tissue regeneration should generally be confined to vertical, multi-walled or narrow defects with areas of vertical bone loss or class II furcation defects.
2. Guided tissue regeneration procedures are generally limited to treatment of periodontal and peri-implant defects (contract dependent).
3. Guided tissue regeneration procedures associated with endodontic therapies or with minor periradicular surgery are typically not a covered benefit as bone heals by secondary intention.
4. Documentation of the necessity of guided tissue regeneration for periodontal purposes must include all associated, current (within 12 months) diagnostic, dated, properly oriented, pretreatment radiographic images demonstrating vertical bone defects.
5. Current (within 12 months), dated, post initial therapy 6-point periodontal charting indicating pocket depths of a minimum of 5mm.
6. Guided tissue regeneration is not considered for benefits when performed in conjunction with soft tissue grafting procedures.
7. Benefits for guided tissue regenerations may be allowed when performed in conjunction with dental implants (contract dependent).
8. The use of biologic materials for soft or osseous tissue regeneration will not be considered in conjunction with guided tissue regenerations.
9. Guided tissue regeneration procedures include post-operative management for the immediate three months following surgery as well as for any surgical re-entry for three years (contract dependent).
10. For major guided tissue regeneration (reconstructive) procedures, the patient's medical plan should be checked for coverage.

11. Routinely performing guided tissue regeneration for extraction sites may not be necessary for complete and adequate healing.

#### Coding

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**CDT** including but not limited to:

D3432 Guided tissue regeneration, resorbable barrier, per site, in conjunction with periradicular surgery  
D4266 Guided tissue regeneration – resorbable barrier, per site  
D4267 Guided tissue regeneration – non-resorbable barrier, per site (includes membrane removal)  
D7956 Guided tissue regeneration, edentulous area – resorbable barrier, per site  
D7957 Guided tissue regeneration, edentulous area – non-resorbable barrier, per site

**ICD-10 CM** Diagnoses for Dental Diseases and Conditions: See the current CDT code book for details

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#### History

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