

Special Committee on Uniform Dental Recording

RESOLUTION

- Whereas the question of designating teeth has been taken up by the FDI Council “Special Committee on Uniform Dental Recording” and found to be its basic concern;
- Whereas many systems for designating teeth have been investigated by this committee in respect of their present and future applicability;
- Whereas the committee hereby reached unanimous agreement that a designation system to be proposed for universal use should be:

1. simple to understand and teach
2. easy to pronounce in conversation and dictation
3. readily communicable in print and by wire
4. easy to translate into computer “input” and
5. easily adaptable to standard charts used in general practice;

- Whereas the committee has subsequently found that the only system which adequately complies with these requirements is the so called “Two Digit System” which reads:

PERMANENT TEETH:

(upper right)
18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11

(upper left)
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41
(lower right)

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
(lower left)

PRIMARY TEETH:

(upper right)
55 54 53 52 51

(upper left)
61 62 63 64 65

85 84 83 82 81
(lower right)

71 72 73 74 75
(lower left)

Be it Resolved: That the FDI General Assembly – at its Annual Session Bucharest, Romania, on October 1st of 1970

- a) adopts the “Two Digit System” of tooth designation for universal use,
- b) proposes to all member associations the gradual introduction of this system in their countries.
- c) requests its Secretary General to make this decision known throughout the dental world and to work for its implementation.