

Caries

Identifying and definitional attributes

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- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

Definition: Dental caries, or dental decay, is a common disease, which causes cavities and discoloration of both permanent and "baby" teeth. As the disease progresses in a tooth it becomes weaker and its nerve may be damaged.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australian Dental Association Inc 2002. [Frequently Asked Questions, Dental caries. Sydney, Australia](#). Viewed 25/02/2014, http://www.ada.org.au/faqs/faq,documentid,26781,category,Dental_Caries.aspx

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

[Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory: Dental Services DSS, 2011](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Number of teeth affected by caries](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Number of teeth surfaces affected by caries](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N\[N\]](#)

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[Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries, total N\[N\]](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Patient—result of caries experience on teeth surfaces, deciduous code a](#)

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[Patient—result of caries experience on teeth surfaces, permanent code A](#)

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[Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, permanent code A](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Result of caries experience on teeth](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

[Result of caries experience on teeth surfaces](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014