

# Debridement Skill Levels

Not the Same as AAP Classification

## AAP Classification does NOT PRECISELY describe Difficulty of Debridement!

- The most periodontally involved tooth might not be in the area debrided during the appointment!
- **Past Pathological Response:** As tissue follows the contour of the bone with healing, there is shallower pocket depth and possibly no bleeding, little biofilm or calculus.

The debridement is EASIER – so you are inflating grades by calling the debridement classification an AAP III (with high point values) when it is NOW a “Skill Level I or II Debridement”!

Level of debridement is NOT based on loss of clinical attachment. It is based on depth of pockets!

Longer clinical crowns often mean more supragingival debridement!



# Grade Entry

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dodo, John

Active  All

Abraham, Alec - 10/11/2023 - Calc - Perio - C.B. - NON GRADED

**AAP NOT  
HERE**

Grade Header ▾

Date

10/11/2023

Patient (Enter 2 Characters)

Abraham, Alec 07/17/1996

Clinic

NON GRADED

Instructor

Cynthia Biron

Treatment Phase

Special Needs

Details

**AAP Classification Goes  
Here**

Gingival Perio Disease

Localized Stage II Grade A

Recare

Patient Complete

ASA

N/A  I  II  III  IV

Debridement Skill Level

Calculus

N/A

0

I

II

III

IV

Perio

N/A

0

I

II

III

IV

Critical Error

0.00

Extra Credit

0.00

Auto Calc

0.00

Total

0.00

Assessment

Removal

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# Debridement Skill Levels in TalEval

(Not AAP Classification) Most difficult tooth in the mouth!

That tooth might not be in the area (debrided in this appointment)

## **Skill Levels of Debridement**

### **How Difficult it is to Debride this area (teeth #s, Sextants or Quads)**

1. Amount of Calculus
2. Tenacity of Calculus
3. Amount of Bleeding
4. Pocket Depths - not loss of clinical attachment
5. Mobility
6. Access- small mouth and/or very large patient
7. Patient Compliance/Management

# Calculus Deposit Debridement Skill Levels

- **Level 0** No Calculus>Slight Calculus –little or no scaling
- **Level I** Simple  
Supra extending only slightly below the free gingival margin
- **Level II** Light/Moderate  
Moderate amount of supra + sub calculus, or sub only
- **Level III** Moderate  
Abundance of supra + sub calculus, or sub calculus only
- **Level IV** Heavy  
Generalized supra + sub ledges around cervical thirds of crowns and bands on most root surfaces

**Increase level if tenacity, access, or compliance issues**

# Periodontal Debridement Skill Levels

Level Program Chooses Symbols				Clinical Pocket Depths With or without C.A.L.	Bleeding	Mobility
0	0	0	0	Healthy	∅	∅
I	1	A	α	< 4mm	Localized Points	None or Slight
II	2	B	β	< 5mm	Generalize	Slight +1
III	3	C	γ	< 6mm	Moderate – Heavy	Moderate 2
IV	4	D	δ	< 7mm	Heavy	Severe 3

**Increase level if access, or compliance issues**

You can name them anything you want!

A, B, C, D, E

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

I, II, III, IV, V

$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon$



Just don't marry them  
to AAP Classifications!