

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Dental Fitness Classifications.

1. Purpose. Our goal is to improve dental readiness. This paper discusses the dental classification system used to measure the dental health of soldiers.

2. Points.

a. The regulation for Preventive Dentistry (AR 40-35) includes the Oral Health Fitness Program. All soldiers are classified after receiving a dental examination. The dental classification is entered in the soldier's dental health record (SF 603) by the examining dentist.

b. The dental classification categories include:

1. Dental fitness Class 1 – Soldiers who require no dental treatment.

2. Dental fitness Class 2 – Soldiers who's existing dental condition is unlikely to result in a dental emergency within 12 months.

3. Dental fitness Class 3 – Soldiers who require dental treatment to correct a dental condition that is likely to cause a dental emergency within 12 months.

4. Dental fitness Class 4 – Soldiers who require a dental examination.

c. Soldiers in class 1 and 2 are deployable. Soldiers in class 3 and 4 require dental treatment to class 2 standards or a dental examination prior to deployment.

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