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American National Standard/
American Dental Association
Standard No. 3950

Designation System for Teeth and Areas of the Oral Cavity

Identical to ISO 3950:2009

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**REVISED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION/AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD/
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION STANDARD NO. 3950 FOR DESIGNATION SYSTEM FOR TEETH
AND AREAS OF THE ORAL CAVITY**

The Council on Dental Benefit Programs of the American Dental Association has approved the revised International Organization for Standardization/American National Standard/American Dental Association Standard No. 3950 for Designation System for Teeth and Areas of the Oral Cavity. Working Groups of the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI) formulate this and other standards and technical reports for the application of information technology and other electronic technologies to dentistry's clinical and administrative operations. The ADA SCDI has representation from appropriate interests in the United States in the standardization of information technology and other electronic technologies used in dental practice. The standard was forwarded to the American National Standards Institute with a recommendation that the standard be approved as an American National Standard. Approval of the revised ISO/ANSI/ADA Standard No. 3950 as an American National Standard was granted by the American National Standards Institute on August 27, 2010.

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FOREWORD

(This Foreword does not form a part of Revised ISO/ANSI/ADA Standard No. 3950 for Designation System for Teeth and Areas of the Oral Cavity).

This standard is an identical adoption of ISO 3950:2009, Designation System for Teeth and Areas of the Oral Cavity. The ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics examined the international standard and found it acceptable for adoption as ISO/ANSI/ADA Standard No. 3950. This standard revises and cancels ISO/ANSI/ADA Standard No. 3950-1997.

In 1992, there was interest in the standardization of clinical information systems related to electronic technology in the dental environment. After evaluating current informatics activities, a Task Group of the Accredited Standards Committee MD156 (ASC MD156) was created by the ADA to initiate the development of technical reports, guidelines, and standards on electronic technologies used in dental practice. In 1999, the ADA established the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI). The ADA SCDI is currently the group that reviews and approves proposed American National standards (ANSI approved) and technical reports developed by the standards committee's working groups. The ADA became an ANSI accredited standards organization in 2000.

The scope of the ADA SCDI is:

“To promote patient care and oral health through the application of information technology to dentistry’s clinical and administrative operations; to develop standards, specifications, technical reports, and guidelines for: components of a computerized dental clinical workstation; electronic technologies used in dental practice; and interoperability standards for different software and hardware products which provide a seamless information exchange throughout all facets of healthcare.”