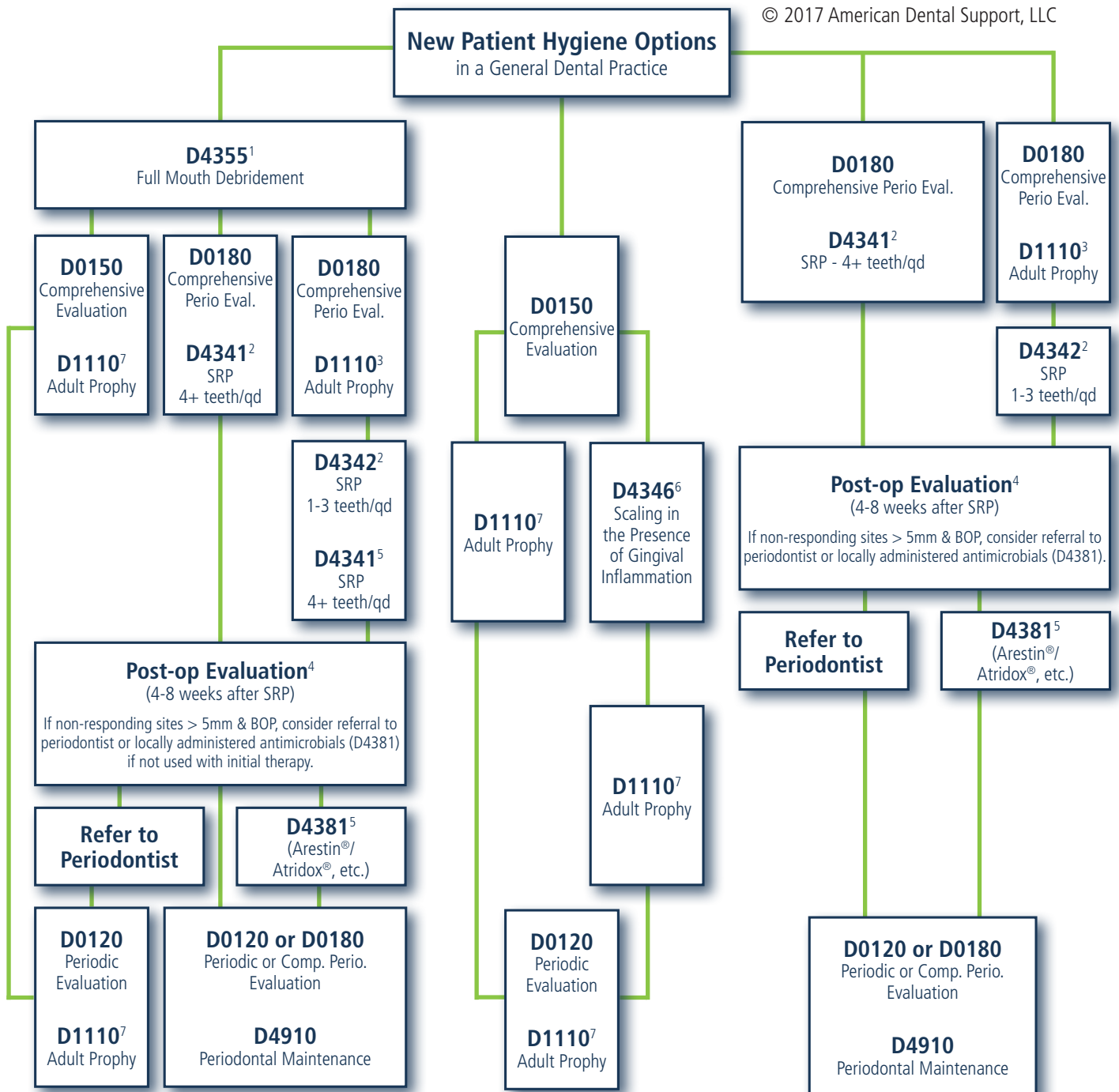


# New Patient Hygiene Flowcharts

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<sup>1</sup> D4355 is appropriate when heavy plaque and calculus prevent a dentist from completing a comprehensive oral evaluation. Many plans do not pay D4355 if billed with D0140, D0150, or D0180 on the same service date.

<sup>2</sup> Patients may need several appts. of SRP depending on periodontal diagnosis. Many payers limit payment to 2 quadrants per visit.

<sup>3</sup> When a patient requires isolated root planing (D4342), it may be best to do the prophylaxis first (on the areas without bone loss) since some plans do not benefit D1110 (or D4910) within 90 days of D4341/ D4342. If D1110 and D4342 are performed on the same visit, the claim may be denied. However, the denial may be appealed if

adequate time is spent (i.e., 90 minutes or more).

<sup>4</sup> The post-root planing evaluation is typically considered part of the global fee for D4341/D4342.

<sup>5</sup> Many dental plans deny payment for D4381 unless placed 4-6 weeks after SRP in unresolved pockets 5 mm+ that bleed on probing.

<sup>6</sup> D4346 is appropriate for patients with generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation, full mouth with no bone loss and an absence of periodontitis.

<sup>7</sup> D1110 is appropriate for patients with or without localized gingivitis.