DENTAL HYGIENE CASE DIFFICULTY INDEX (CDI)

**PATIENT**: 

**DATE**: 

**STUDENT**: 

**DIRECTIONS**: 
1. Circle value for finding(s) in each category  
2. Add point values to determine index rating  
3. Use Classification Index below  

**GROUP 1: Periodontal Classification**  
Localized or Generalized | Group 2: Active  
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Health | 0 | 0  
Gingivitis | 1 | 1 | 1  
Gingivitis - Slight | 1 | 2 | 1  
Gingivitis - Moderate | 2 | 3 | 1  
Gingivitis - Severe | 3 | 4 | 1  
NUG or NUP | 1 | 2 | 1  

**GROUP 3: Supragingival Calculus**  
None | 0  
Lower anteriors only-light | 1  
Anteriors & molars | 2  
Heavy or bridged | 3  

**GROUP 4: Subgingival Calculus**  
None | 0  
Isolated spicules | 3  
Generalized spicules | 6  
Generalized spicules & isolated ledge(s) | 9  
Generalized ledges | 12  

**CASE DIFFICULTY INDEX KEY**  
0-5 Points = Class A  
6-10 Points = Class B  
11-15 Points = Class C  
16-20 Points = Class D  
>20 Points' = Class E  

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Form utilized to assist in assignment of patients to dental hygiene students. It is completed as part of the screening process during OD rotation the junior and senior years.