

# TOOTH NUMBERS



NELSON AVENUE DENTAL CLINIC

## THE ADULT DENTITION

Human adults usually have 32 teeth by the time they are late teenagers. The third molars may not come in to place and can be "impacted" within the bone. It is not uncommon for teeth to come in crooked, crowded, misshapen, or even missing or extra.

In every country but the USA, the teeth are identified using the "FDI" notation system, for which the first digit indicates the "quadrant" and the second digit indicates the "tooth position". In my own personal records and communications, I add a decimal point in between these numbers to help identify it as FDI, and not the "universal" notation system commonly used in the United States, which is 1-32 starting on the top right.

Please use the chart below to help you decipher any communications you may receive from us or your insurance provider.

