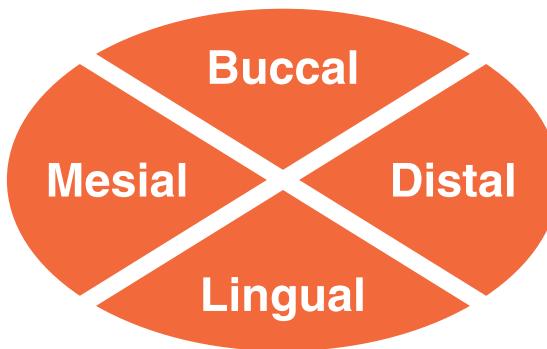


# Plaque Assessment & Control

## Scoring System (PASS)

1. Select 5 teeth in the dentition. Utilize 4 first molars and 1 central. (If one of these teeth is missing, use an adjacent distal tooth or if nonexistent, consider a mesial tooth.)
2. Teeth are divided into 4 areas as distal, buccal, mesial and lingual.



3. Utilizing a periodontal probe, each quarter of the tooth is swept approximately 1 mm into the sulcus to detect plaque. If visible plaque is apparent on the probe, count as a positive, wipe off with a 2x2 gauze, and go to the next surface.
4. Continue to cover all 4 sites on all 5 teeth counting each positive site.
5. There exists 20 possible plaque sites. The PASS score would be a % of plaque sites of these 20 surfaces.



6. The patient and therapist's objective is to work together to achieve a PASS that approaches 0%.

A score that is below 25% signifies that the patient is in a maintenance range. Above 25%, the higher the score the less predictable the gingival health and a caries free environment.

Periodontal surgery should not be considered with a PASS above 40%.