

When to refer patients for periodontal treatment



Dear Clinicians,

With 10% of the population appearing to suffer from the more severe forms of periodontal disease, referring these patients for specialist periodontal treatment can help prevent further dental problems such as tooth loss and loss of supporting bone. Furthermore, periodontal treatment may also be required to compliment some restorative procedures.

It can often be a borderline decision knowing whether to refer to a hygienist or to a specialist periodontist so we have put together a guide of key signs to look out for to assist you.

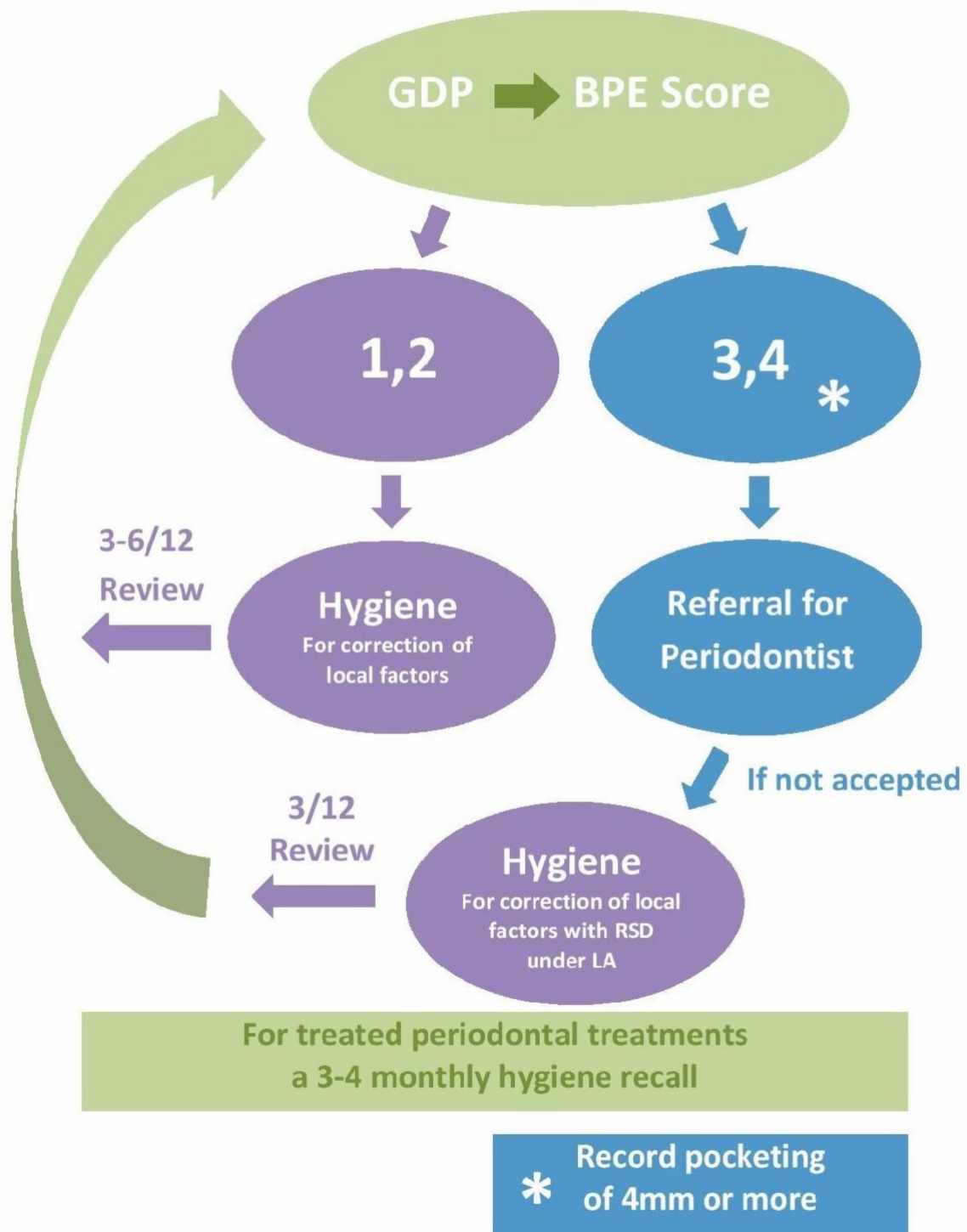
When to refer your patient for Specialist Periodontal treatment - Key indicators:

- Stage IV or Grade 3 periodontal disease (more than 2/3 bone loss of the root length; 6mm + pocketing)
- BPEs of 3 and 4s
- Complex medical conditions related to periodontal involvement
- Non responsive patients following a course of initial periodontal therapy
- Vertical bone defects
- Periimplant mucositis (persistent bleeding on probing around implant)
- Periimplantitis (progressive bone loss, bleeding/suppuration on probing and pocketing greater than 5mm)
- Cosmetic soft tissue grafting for the correction of soft tissue defects
- Functional soft tissue grafting for creation of attached soft tissue

Periodontal treatment may also be required to compliment the following restorative procedures:

- Crown lengthening- both aesthetic and functional
- Soft tissue grafting around pontics/crown margins
- Implant placement +/- hard and soft tissue augmentation

Referring to a Periodontist or a Hygienist





Devonshire House Specialist Periodontist Puneet Patel

Puneet welcomes your referrals via our online referral form. He is also happy to chat through any perio treatment concerns with you and advise the best way to proceed. Please email Puneet with your enquiry and he will reply to arrange a suitable time to chat.

[Email Puneet](#)

Online Referral via our website

Our Referral Promise - A Partnership in Dental Care

At Devonshire House, we are committed to involving you in the care we provide. When referring your patients to us, you can be assured that for every referral, we will:

- Contact your patient without delay and see them at their earliest convenience.
- Discuss all treatment options with your patient; keeping you informed every step of the way.
- Provide your patient with comprehensive treatment plans and estimates for each suggested treatment option
- Carry out only the specialist treatment for which you have referred your patient.
- Return your patient to you to resume their routine dental care following their specialist treatment with us.
- Keep you informed of changes or additions to your patient's treatment plan.

"I was referred to Devonshire House as I have problems with my gums and some of my teeth. Dr Patel put me at ease from the very beginning. I was expecting a diagnosis that would be negative. I was very relieved to find some positive alternatives that were suggested. I will be receiving treatment over the next few months."



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