

WESSEX AREA TEAM

Additional information on SPECIALIST PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

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Examples of currently recognised exceptions

1. Patients with juvenile periodontitis i.e. patients aged 18 years or under with a BPE \geq 4.
2. Patient has a concurrent medical condition or is on drug therapy which is having a direct adverse impact on the periodontal tissues.
3. Patients with rapidly progressive breakdown of tissues, i.e. more than 2 mm per year. Full periodontal charting history will be required as evidence).

Referral Requirements

For a referral to be accepted the following criteria are required:

- The patient should be a regular attender in practice and be able to demonstrate the ability to maintain an excellent level of oral hygiene.
- There should be no significant factors within the patient's control which would affect a successful outcome.
- Only non-smokers will be eligible for this care. A history of non-smoking for at least the last 6 months must be evidenced in the patient records.
- Advice and treatment should have been provided to improve oral hygiene and remove gross calculus
- The letter of referral should contain an indication of the history of the problem and of the treatment carried out to date, evidenced with patient records, where appropriate.
- *This should include at least 12 months' history of regular hygiene appointments including full scale and polish, soft tissue assessment and regular non-surgical root surface debridement.*
- Recent high quality periapical radiographs of teeth with pocketing needing treatment *together with six-point pocket charts* must be sent with the referral letter. Digital print-outs must be of diagnostic quality. Faxed and photocopied images will not be accepted.

Inability to pay for private treatment is not an indication for a referral.

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