

# PROTOCOL FOR PERIODONTAL REFERRALS

FOLLOW THE PATHWAY TO MINIMISE PATIENT WAITING TIMES.

**PATIENT FOR POTENTIAL PERIODONTAL REFERRAL**

- Complicating medical conditions
- Special risk patients
- Unusual clinical features

**IMMEDIATE REFERRAL**

**REFERRAL TO LIVERPOOL DENTAL HOSPITAL**

- Complete LUDH referral form
- Outline treatment given & patient's response if appropriate

## IN PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

- Determine plaque, bleeding & mobility
- BPE or Full mouth pocket chart (4 or 6pts)
- Radiographs (OPG, periapicals, vertical bitewings)

## PROVIDE INITIAL or NON-SURGICAL PERIO THERAPY

- OHI, especially interdentally & scaling – min 3 appointments
- Root surface instrumentation/root planing of pockets >5.5mm
- Smoking cessation where appropriate

## REVIEW ASSESSMENT

After 3 months repeat full mouth pocket chart  
Good responder to NSPT? Stable?

- Motivated patients only
- Opinion only
- Significant localised gingival recession
- Deteriorating condition with BPE 4 or \*
- TMJ/occlusal problems
- Complex restorative treatment with periodontal complications

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Regular scaling and OHI

**RETAIN**

Unless exceptional circumstances can be shown, referrals may be returned to practitioners if they are without the appropriate documentation, have an incomplete assessment pathway, or if there is poor patient compliance.