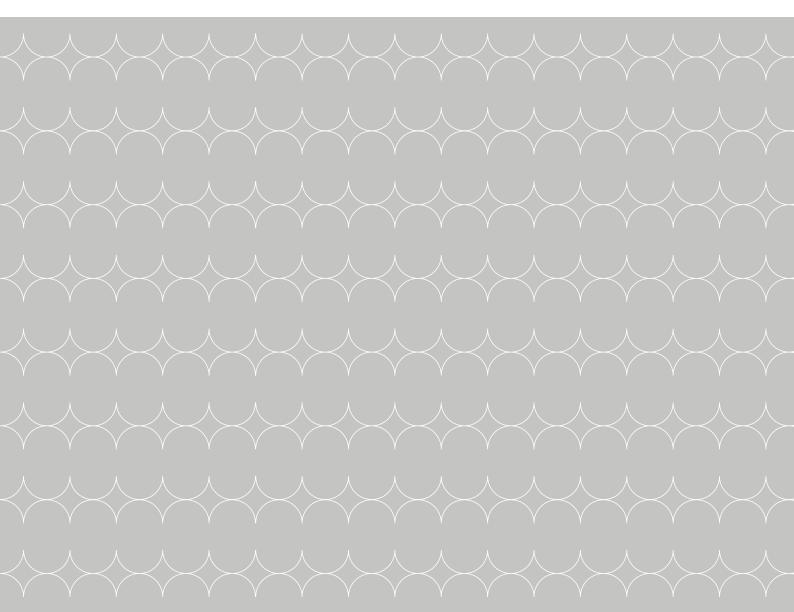
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What will it involve?

The specialist assessment is the first appointment.

When you arrive, you will be greeted by a member of the team who will ask you to fill in a medical history form which you may have completed in advance. To obtain the best and safest treatment, it's important we are aware of any medical problems that may affect your treatment. You will be requested to complete a consent form for photographs. Photographs are anonymous and an important part of your record. There will also be a standard GDPR form to sign. Once the forms are complete, you will be escorted to the clinical room.

The Specialist will have a comprehensive discussion with you at the start of the appointment to ensure you can voice your concerns and share your ideal outcomes of treatment. If applicable, the reasons for your referral can also be discussed in more detail. Other relevant medical, lifestyle and dental questions will also be explored.

The clinical examination will include a general dental check as well as a detailed specialist periodontal chart. The periodontal chart involves measuring the position of the gums and determining whether or not spaces (pockets) have opened up between the gums and the teeth. The amount of bleeding, gum recession and tooth mobility will also be assessed. This is the most important part of the examination as it determines the severity and extent of the periodontal condition. If the reason for your referral or your primary concern is recession then further measurements will be taken specific to this. In the same way, if you have a "gummy" smile or teeth that need lengthening then this will be looked at in more detail. We will ensure you are as comfortable as possible when the measurements are carried out. Further dental measurements or tests may also be completed depending on your condition and reason for referral.

X-rays and photographs are then usually taken. If you have been referred, we will always contact your dentist or hygienist to obtain any existing X-rays to minimise further radiation exposure. X-rays allow the bone level and dental anatomy to be assessed, which is not possible through general clinical examination. The bone levels are important from a diagnostic and treatment planning perspective.

At RW Perio we always advise a preventive health first approach. A healthy body begins with a healthy mouth and there is evidence to suggest links between gum disease and many other inflammatory conditions such as diabetes. We therefore offer The Diabetes Check directly in-clinic to all our patients (optional).

At this point, we will give you the opportunity to relax for 5-10 minutes in the waiting room whilst all the information is assessed by the specialist. The waiting room always has refreshments if you require this whilst you wait.

You will then be called back into the clinical room where the Specialist will then discuss the findings with you in detail and suggest any treatment that may be required. We will also cover any other questions including fees and timings. You will then be given the opportunity to book your next appointment so please bring your diary along with you. We take the fee for each upcoming appointment in advance which additionally acts as a retainer deposit to secure your next appointment.

You will receive a digital report within 24 hours of your appointment. If you have been referred to us we will also send a digital report to your referrer.

Timings

The usual wait time for an appointment is 1-2 weeks 45-60 minutes appointment.

Fees

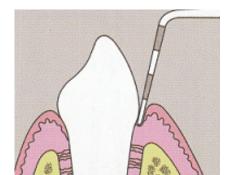
Starting from £200 (payment required upfront at time of booking).

Examples:

MEASURING THE POCKET

DENTAL X-RAYS (RADIOGRAPHS)

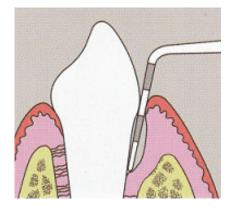
Closed/shallow pocket



No bone loss



Open/deep pocket



Severe bone loss



GUM RECESSION



MEASURING A GUMMY SMILE



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