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Candidate Scenario – Dental Hygiene 2018

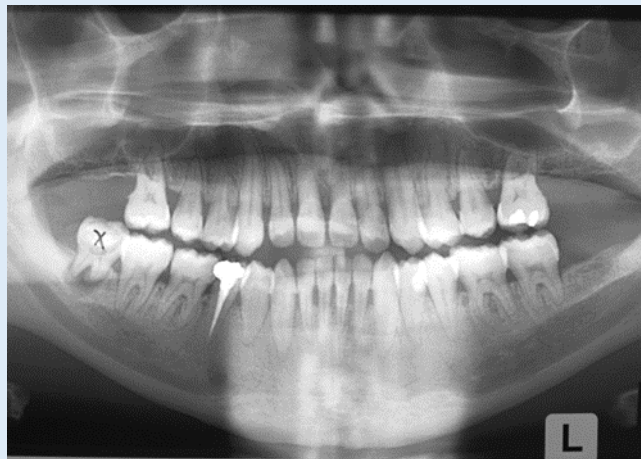
Mrs Wilson is 45 years-old and is a new patient to your practice.

She attends today requesting a scale and clean as her previous dentist of 20 years has recently retired.

Your principal dentist has completed a preliminary examination, but has referred Mrs Wilson to you for periodontal assessment and consultation.

You note that Mrs Wilson's medical history is clear but she reports that she smokes 10 cigarettes a day and has a family history of early tooth loss.

Mrs Wilson has brought along an orthopantomograph (OPG), taken at her last dental appointment where she had tooth 48 extracted.



Today, you have performed a full periodontal examination including periodontal charting. You find heavy plaque and calculus deposits and extrinsic staining, with some bleeding on probing at deeper sites. You record generalised probing depths of 5-6mm and recession of up to 2mm on the lower anterior teeth.

You diagnose generalised chronic moderate periodontal disease, with some localised severe sites.

You have 10 minutes for this consultation.

Explain your diagnosis to Mrs Wilson and work towards gaining informed consent for your periodontal treatment plan.

An examiner will escort you into the consultation room and will observe the consultation.

A second examiner will be acting as your patient and will occasionally ask you a question. You should assume that they are a regular dental patient with limited dental knowledge. You should speak to them as a patient and not as an examiner with expert dental knowledge.

You will be reminded when there is one minute left before the end of the task and you should then close the consultation appropriately.