



# Reply from

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My name is Dr. Gus Moore and I have assessed your case today. I noticed that you have an instance of gum disease in the form of moderate periodontitis. This requires treatment from a dentist as soon as possible. I have provided details of this issue below and marked the location on the photo that you provided. I have also included treatment recommendations and estimates for how much each treatment may cost.

## What I saw

### Gum disease

Gum disease is an inflammation of the gums that can progress to affect the bone that surrounds and supports your teeth.

#### 1 Moderate periodontitis Lower right gum



Moderate periodontitis is severe inflammation and infection of the gums, bone and supporting structures which surround the teeth. It is caused by the bacteria in plaque, a sticky, colorless film that constantly forms on your teeth. If not removed through daily brushing and flossing, plaque can build up and the bacteria infect not only your gums and teeth, but eventually the gum tissue and bone that support the teeth. At this stage you will have moderate loss of attachment and/or moderate to deep pocket formation around your tooth or teeth. You may also experience 30% - 50% loss of bone support which will be seen on an x-ray and slight tooth mobility or movement. The damage to your gums and teeth is not reversible so you should get treatment from a dentist immediately.

#### Severity Scale



**Seek a dentist appointment**

#### Most common treatment

##### Scale and polish

A scale and polish is the procedure of professionally cleaning the teeth and gums. It involves removing staining, plaque (soft, sticky bacteria) and tartar build up. Tartar is formed when plaque is left on the teeth for too long and hardens. This cannot be removed with regular tooth-brushing. The average cost is \$150 to \$350 per quadrant of the mouth.

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## Next Steps

Make an appointment with your dentist. If you don't have one we can help you.

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