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Q My dentist told me that I needed to see a periodontist. What will he do on the first appointment?

A After a medical and dental history, the periodontist will examine your gums, check for gum recession, check your bite and see if any of the teeth are loose. He will also use a small measuring instrument to check for periodontal pockets. Also, x-rays will be needed to check the bone levels around the teeth.