

Glossary - BSP Implementation of the S3 Treatment Guidelines for Periodontitis

Previous / former / historical Term	Description of terminology (current usage of these terms)	New Terminology Group	Step in treatment guidelines	Use in Supportive Periodontal Therapy
Scaling of crown of tooth/restoration	Removal of plaque, staining and supra-gingival calculus from the crown of a tooth/restoration (including the gingival crevice, which is sub-gingival)	Supra-gingival PMPR	Steps 1, 4	YES
Scaling & polishing (Historical) Obsolete Term	Removal of plaque, staining and supra-gingival calculus (including the gingival crevice) from the crown of a tooth/restoration		Steps 1, 4	YES
Polishing (including traditional and air polishing)	Removal of plaque and extrinsic staining from supra-gingival surfaces		Steps 1, 4	YES
Prophylaxis	Removal of plaque and extrinsic staining from supra-gingival surfaces		Steps 1, 4	YES
Scaling of root of tooth	Removal of sub-gingival plaque and calculus from root surfaces	Sub-gingival PMPR	Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Sub-gingival scaling	Removal of sub-gingival plaque and calculus from root surfaces		Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Sub-gingival debridement	Systematic removal of sub-gingival plaque, calculus and endotoxin from root surfaces		Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Sub-gingival instrumentation	Systematic removal of sub-gingival plaque, calculus and endotoxin from root surfaces		Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Root surface debridement	Systematic removal of sub-gingival plaque, calculus and endotoxin from root surfaces		Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Root surface instrumentation	Systematic removal of sub-gingival plaque, calculus and endotoxin from root surfaces		Steps 2, 3, 4	YES
Root planing	Removal of all sub-gingival calculus and necrotic cementum from root surfaces - an outdated term and concept which is not generally achievable in routine clinical practice	N/A	N/A	NO
Curettage	The removal of the lining of a periodontal pocket without surgical flap elevation - an outdated term and concept which is not generally used in routine clinical practice, except when draining a periodontal abscess, as the abscess lies in the pocket wall	Draining a periodontal abscess	Management of an acute periodontal abscess	NO