

## **The Role of Specialists in Comprehensive Care**

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Depending on the level of complexity of the treatment you and your dentist have agreed to complete together, specialists may be asked to become involved in your care. The best dentists recognize that they cannot be competent in all areas of dentistry and that sometimes it is necessary to involve other specialists in the process.

Involving a specialist requires significant levels of communication on the part of your dentist, the staff of your dental office, the specialist, and the specialist's staff. It may mean that the specialist and your dentist meet to discuss their respective findings and thoughts before developing a treatment plan that meets your goals and objectives. This is especially common when periodontal surgery, implants, and orthodontics are involved.

The role of your dentist and dental staff is to coordinate the team and make sure that everyone knows where you are in the process at all times. The best dentists believe that you are the most important part of the process and that you should know at every juncture what to expect, what will happen, and who will be involved.

By involving a group of dentists, who are all expert at what they do, you are ensured of having the best possible result. By communicating well with each other and with you, the result will be gratifying and will meet your expectations.