

Simulation 1. Oral Exam and Dental Referral
Case Scenario 1
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You are a physical therapist. A patient comes to you complaining of headaches and jaw pain.

Patient information.

Name: Alex

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Reason for visit: Headaches and jaw pain due to previously diagnosed temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction.

As her physical therapist, you decide to perform an oral examination and make several observations.

Alex reports that she has not seen a dentist since starting college because she does not know any local dentists. An oral examination reveals red and swollen gums with moderate to heavy plaque accumulation.

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