

Calibrated periodontal probes:

- Used to locate, measure, mark determine the course of periodontal pockets
- Marked in millimeter increments
- Indentation or grooves, colored bands may be used to indicate the mms on the working end
- Each mm may be indicated on the probe or only certain mms increments may be marked
- If you are uncertain how a probe is calibrated, you use a mm ruler to determine the mm markings
- Blunt ended tips

Color Coding:

- Color coding in bands (often in colors) with each being mm in width

Examples:

Probe	Marking patterns	Mm increments
UNC-15	All mm from 1-15 marked	1-15
Glickman 26G	No mark @ 6mm	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-10
Goldman Fox	No mark @ 6mm	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-10
Merritt	No mark @ 6mm	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-10
William	No mark @ 6 mm	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-10
Maryland Moffitt	No mark @ 6mm, ball-end	1-2-3-5-7-8-9-10
Michigan O probe	Markings @ 3, 6, 8 mm	3-6-8