Laser Treatment

The Modern Treatment for Gum (Periodontal) Disease



What is **gum** (periodontal) disease?

How do lasers treat gum disease?



How can severe gum disease be managed?

Like diabetes, gum disease cannot be cured, but it can be managed through scaling and root planing and with a laser. Your dentist may also recommend that you see a periodontist for a follow-up evaluation if you have an advanced level of gum disease. Please ask for our Gum (Periodontal) Disease brochure for more information.

What are the warning signs of gum disease?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 47.2 percent of American adults over the age of

30 have mild, moderate or severe gum disease. Prevalence rates rise above 70 percent for those over the age of 65. Here are some warning signs:

- Bleeding aums during brushing or flossing
- · Red, swollen or tender gums
- Gums that pull away from teeth
- Persistent bad breath
- Pus between teeth and gums
- Loose or separated teeth

Is laser treatment painful?

Many patients are concerned about feeling pain during the procedure. The good news is that most procedures performed

with a laser can be done with little or no anesthesia. Your hygienist disease. All hygienists in will calibrate the lasers to provide just the right amount of power to treat your gums without causing discomfort or trauma. Some localized anesthesia may be necessary depending upon the level of infection present.

Is there special training involved to use a laser?

Your dentist believes strongly in the use of lasers to effectively treat the infection in your gums and arrest the progression of the gum disease. Having a laser in our office means that we have made a financial and educational investment to bring you

advanced technology for the treatment of gum our practice have been extensively trained to use lasers under the guidelines of the Academy of Laser Dentistry.

Flexible Financial Options for Your Smile

We have a wide range of payment options and welcome most insurance plans and major credit cards. Our staff is trained to assist you in maximizing your insurance coverage, minimizing your out-ofpocket costs and offering arrangements and other options to pay for your treatment over time.

Practicing Good **Oral Hygiene** at Home

Be sure to follow this four-step routine when you're in between dental visits to keep plaque and harmful bacteria from building up in your mouth:

- 1. Brush your teeth and use an antiseptic mouthwash twice daily.
- 2. Floss your teeth every day.
- 3. Eat a balanced diet.
- 4. See your dentist for routine dental checkups.

Remember, maintaining good oral health is a key factor in maintaining good overall health.



Stages of **Gum Disease**



No gum disease Healthy gums and bone shown.





Tartar (calculus) and bacteria lead to infection, destroying gums, ligaments and bone.



Danger of losing teeth

As more bone is destroyed, the tooth is in danger of falling out.

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