



LASER PERIODONTAL THERAPY

Answering the following questions will help you to know if you suffer from gum disease

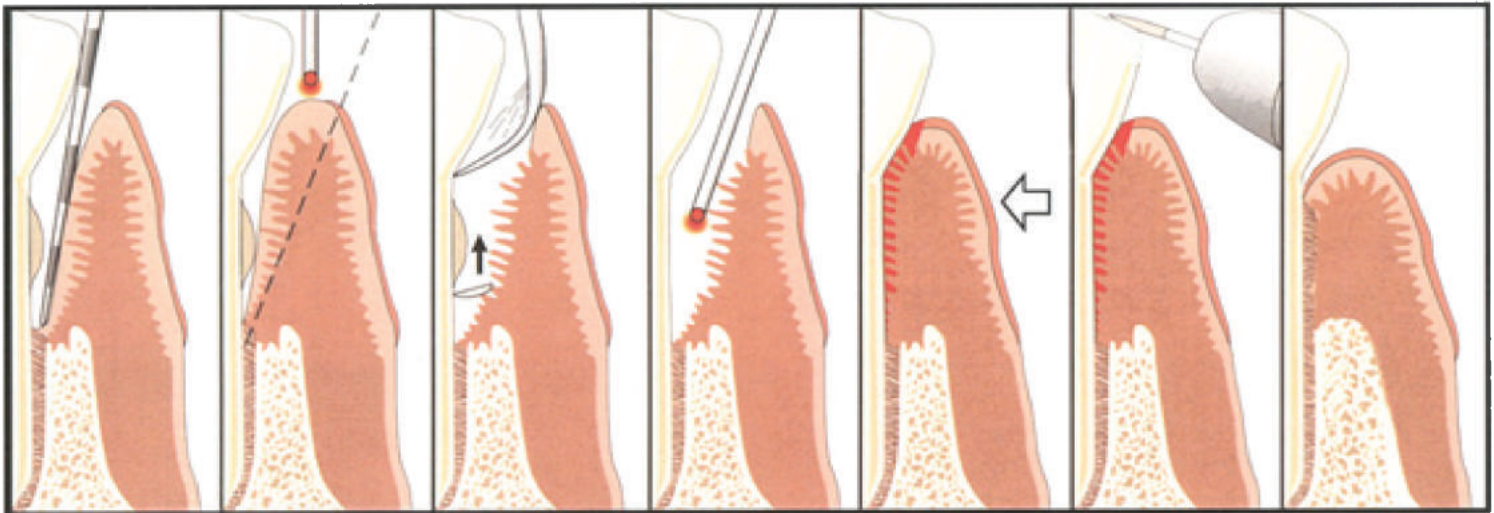
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Do your gums appear swollen or puffy or bleed while brushing or flossing? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Do you feel that you have bad breath? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Are your gums tender when touched? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Are your gums bright red, dusky red or purplish in color? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Do you notice shifting or any new spaces between your teeth? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Is there a change in the way your teeth fit together when you bite? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Are any of your teeth loose? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Do you experience pain when chewing? |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Have you noticed gums that pull away from your teeth, making your teeth look longer than normal? |

If you answered YES to any of the questions or even if you answered NO to all of the questions, you may still have gum disease.

One of the challenges for early detection is its “**silent**” nature – the disease does not cause pain and can progress unnoticed.

Periodontitis (per-e-o-don-TIE-tis) is a serious gum infection that damages the soft tissue and destroys the bone that supports your teeth. Periodontitis can cause teeth to loosen or lead to tooth loss.

TREATMENT PROCEDURE



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- A) Perio probe indicates excessive pocket depth.
- B) Laser light removes bacteria and diseased tissue.
- C) Ultrasonic scaler and special hand instruments are used to remove root surface tartar.
- D) Laser finishes cleaning pocket and aids in sealing the pocket closed so new bacteria cannot enter.
- E) Healing of gums to clean root surface occurs.
- F) Bite trauma is adjusted.
- G) Healing occurs.

LASER PERIODONTAL THERAPY IS A LASER-BASED APPROACH TO GUM DISEASE.

To patients this means: less pain, less bleeding, less swelling, less tissue removed, less down time, and less recovery time which is decidedly less costly.

The reasons we use Laser Periodontal Therapy are to: remove only the diseased tissue without removing any of the healthy tissue, maintain the height of the tissue around teeth, minimize pain and discomfort to the patient, get a closure of the periodontal pocket wound and allow healing to take place.

Controlling periodontal disease makes it possible to save and restore otherwise hopeless teeth.

