

Periodontal Laser Treatment
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Why do I need laser treatment?

Laser treatment has been recommended for you to enhance the results of your scaling and root planing (deep cleaning). Periodontal disease (or infectious bone loss around the teeth) happens when certain bacteria infect the gums and cause inflammation in the structures that support the tooth in the bone. A laser can be used to disinfect the gums and allow the connective tissue to reattach to the tooth at a higher point on the root than they used to be. This allows the gums to heal and the bone to re-grow.

How?

After a deep cleaning or scaling and root planing, you will have a followup appointment to determine if you are a laser treatment candidate. We will look for evidence of good oral hygiene. If it is deemed that the laser could successfully treat your bone loss, the laser is used around each tooth for about 30 seconds. Almost always, this is accomplished with just a topical anesthetic (like Ambisol) to numb the gums for a few minutes. Local anesthesia (or shots) are needed very rarely. You will have some soreness or discomfort. Sometimes patients will take Ibuprofen or Tylenol, but usually sipping cold water or sucking on ice chips is enough to make your mouth comfortable.

How Much does it cost?

3 visits at 1 week apart disinfecting all the teeth in the mouth will cost \$300. It is critical that you come to every visit in order for the treatment to be effective. Not only are we disinfecting the gums from bacteria, but we are allowing the connection to the root take place before the skin cells grow too fast and take over the area. Conventional periodontal surgery typically costs \$800 per quadrant and requires two weeks of healing. Laser treatment is very easy comparatively.

What Else?

Our soft tissue laser can do many procedures that heal well and look great. Healing canker sores, cold sores, disinfecting root canals, taking biopsies, fixing excess pigmentation, recontouring tissue, sculpting gums, helping dentures and partials to fit better, making bridges look more natural, uncovering implants, desensitizing teeth and removing extra growth of tissues is what the laser was born to do.