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Advanced Lasers Help Periodontal Disease

Did you know that approximately 75% of adults have periodontal disease and most don't know it?

Did you know that according to the American Dental Association/Colgate survey, it is the number one cause of adult tooth loss in the US?

Do you know if you have periodontal disease?

Periodontal disease is an infection of the teeth, gums and the bone that surrounds the teeth. Although it is treatable, periodontal disease is not curable.

Left untreated it destroys the bone that holds your teeth. The good news is that it is controllable and the key to controlling it begins with a thorough diagnosis.

To find periodontal disease, I perform a thorough examination with a periodontal probe and x-rays. X-rays show the extent of bone loss. Periodontal probing

measures the depth of the space between your teeth and gums called pockets.

The pockets are measured from the bottom of the pocket, to the top of the gums. The deeper the pockets, the greater the spread of periodontal disease.

The first step is *Scaling and Root Planing* (deep cleaning) which eliminates the source of periodontal infection by removing the plaque, tartar, and bacterial toxins from the root surfaces of the teeth below the gum line.

Adjunctive Laser Treatment: Medical advances in technology have brought the laser as a treatment for periodontal disease alone, or in conjunction with antibiotics. I am seeing exceptional results.

Periodontal Maintenance: Periodontal disease can re-activate, as periodontal bacterial colonies begin to rebuild every

50 – 75 days. If you are diagnosed with periodontal disease, you need ongoing periodontal maintenance cleanings at least 4 times a year to prevent further bone loss and subsequent tooth loss.

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