

Patient information - Periodontal Disease

You have been diagnosed with Gingivitis. This means that we have found the following problems either alone or in combination

- Bleeding due to inflammation
- Calculus / Tartar under your gums
- Recession
- Deeper than normal pockets - (Spaces between your tooth & gum that shouldn't be there).

It is because of these factors that we recommend a special treatment to stop this periodontal disease process before it gets out of control. With most patients periodontal therapy of this type consists of 2 visits made up the following:

- Gross Scaling - A general removal of tartar deposits meant to help your body start the healing process.
- Fine scale - Once the majority of the debris is removed and time and your home care has reduced the swelling the final layer is removed and the enamel & exposed root surface is polished.
- Anti-microbial Therapy - Designed to assist your body to decrease the bacteria that flourish in a diseased pocket. This therapy is done locally to support the treatment that is done in our office, to include special rinses, and plaque removal devises that our office recommends
- Fluoride Treatments - To help control the bacteria left in the pocket, decrease the susceptibility of exposed root surfaces, & minimize sensitivity that may arise as the area heals

Remember that this is a bacterial infection caused by certain types of bacteria found in plaque, or by an improper bite, defective fillings & crowns, or in combination. The factors that make up the disease process that we have identified in your mouth are always present; and if ignored can lead to tooth loss. The preventive maintenance that we schedule for you is critical to long term success.

I have read and understand this information

Patient Initials

I accept treatment

Patient Signature

Date

I decline treatment

Patient Signature

Date