

How does it work?

Tartar, associated with inflammation and occasional bleeding gums, is removed from the root surface of the tooth using an ultrasonic scaler and small instruments.

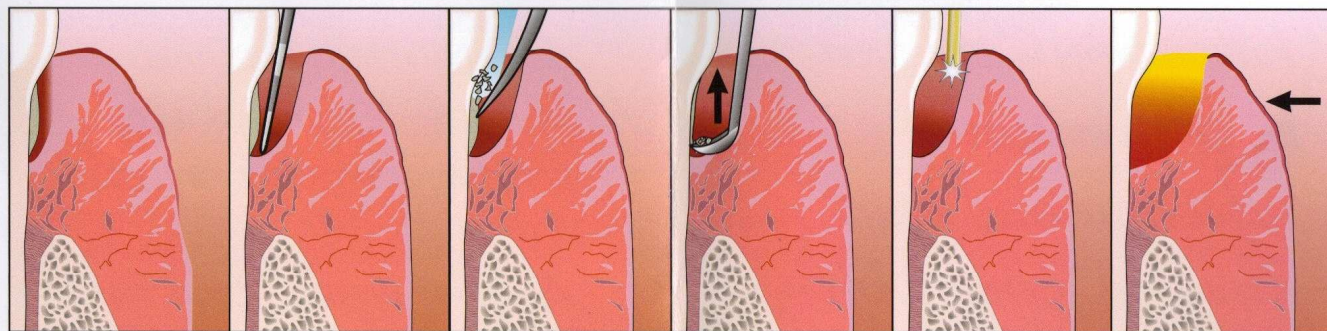
Then, a small amount of light energy from a laser is directed through a tiny fiber, which is gently placed between the gum and tooth. This light energy aids in reducing the bacteria associated with the disease. After the area is thoroughly cleaned, the body can heal the area naturally.



A tiny fiber is placed between the gum and teeth. The actual procedure can be virtually painless.

Does it hurt?

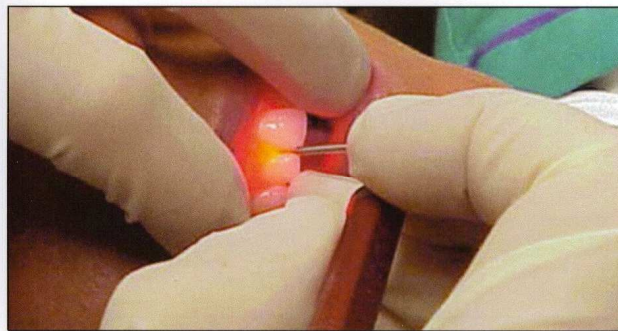
Although the procedure itself can be virtually painless, we may anesthetize the area for your comfort. In this way we can precisely direct the laser for treatment. Post-procedure discomfort is typically less intense and of shorter duration than conventional periodontal surgery.



Tartar causes gums to become inflamed, red, sore, and sometimes bleed. Pocket depth is measured. The tartar is removed and the laser treats the area and allows natural healing to occur.

How long does it take?

Your initial treatment will focus on scaling and use of small instruments to remove the tartar. Then, the laser portion of the treatment will be performed. Depending on the severity of your periodontal disease, your treatment may be accomplished in one office visit or in multiple visits. Your estimated treatment time will be reviewed with you when we discuss your treatment plan.



Laser SoftCare being performed on a patient.

Does this treatment cost more than traditional gum surgery?

We use the same billing codes as traditional gum surgery. There are other factors which may affect the cost such as the severity of the periodontal disease and how many teeth are involved.

The remarkable speed of the laser, the reduced anesthesia, and the increased comfort for our patients made the new system attractive to our practice. You should note however that many insurance plans pay for only a portion of your treatment. You should discuss your payment options with the dental office personnel before laser treatment begins. We do encourage you to take care of the need now to reduce further damage to your gums, teeth, and bone.