



Dear Colleague:

We are writing this letter to tell you about a new procedure that we have implemented in our practice. It is an alternative to traditional periodontal surgery. This new procedure called **LANAP** (Laser Assisted New Attachment Procedure), requires no sutures, has minimal post operative discomfort and causes no recession.



LANAP is safe for patients with health concerns such as diabetes, HIV, hemophilia, and/or those taking blood thinners such as Coumadin or Plavix. ***These patients are not required to stop taking their medication prior to treatment.***

LANAP utilizes a safe and proven laser technology to gently remove harmful bacteria and diseased tissue from the gingiva. This removal of bacteria allows the body to heal naturally, so the gingival pockets improve and the teeth become more stable. With **LANAP**, the patient experiences less pain. Since the gingival tissue is not cut with a scalpel, there are no stitches. There is minimal bleeding and a quicker, easier recovery.

LANAP controls periodontal disease and makes it possible to save and restore teeth that would otherwise have to be extracted.

LANAP uses the following protocol:

1. Periodontal probe indicates excessive pocket depth
2. Laser light removes bacteria and diseased tissue by vaporization
3. Ultrasonic scaler and special hand instruments are used to remove root surface tartar
4. Laser finishes cleaning pocket and aids in sealing the pocket closed, with a natural clot, so new germs cannot enter.
5. Compression of the gingiva against the tooth to close the space
6. Bite adjustment

So why use LANAP?

- It is the only FDA approved laser based treatment for gingival disease.
- It has 24 hour recovery time with minimal discomfort.
- 98% of laser treated patients remain stable after five years.
- It has a greater predictability for re-attachment of gingival tissue and bone regeneration.
- It takes less time in the dental chair – it only takes two 2-hour visits.
- It reduces the risk of infection and decreases sensitivity and less bleeding.
- There is little to no gingival recession and it is less invasive.



If you have patients that don't want to have traditional periodontal surgery and may be medically compromised, please call us, Dr. Robert Zupnik or Dr. Dennis Winson at 301-656-0331. Visit our website for further information at BethesdaLaserGumSurgery.com

Sincerely,

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