

## Finally, a New Way to Treat Gum Disease

Gum disease is caused by bacteria in periodontal pockets, deep in the gum tissue down to the tooth roots. Previously, the only treatment option was periodontal surgery with a scalpel and sutures, cutting your gums to reach and eliminate bacteria.

Now, with the patient-friendly REPAIR periodontal treatment protocol using a Waterlase™ dental laser, we can preserve tissue and bone with a minimally invasive, laser based approach. If you need just one tooth treated, or your entire mouth, laser technology helps us take better care of you and your oral health.

### The Stages of Gum Disease



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“The laser treatment was easy and there was no pain. I have had traditional gum surgery before, and it was uncomfortable and painful. I would choose laser periodontal treatment every time over traditional surgery.”

Maureen, California  
Waterlase Patient

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Treatment for Gum Disease

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## Smile All the Way Home with REPAIR™ Periodontal Laser Treatment

### WHAT IS GUM DISEASE?

Gum disease is an infection of the tissues that surround and support your teeth. It is a major cause of tooth loss in adults. Because gum disease is usually painless, you may not know you have it. Also referred to as periodontal disease, gum disease is caused by plaque, the sticky film of bacteria that is constantly forming on our teeth.



### HERE ARE SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT CAN SIGNAL A PROBLEM:

- ★ Gums that bleed easily
- ★ Red, swollen, tender gums
- ★ Gums that have pulled away from the teeth
- ★ Persistent bad breath or bad taste
- ★ Permanent teeth that are loose or separating
- ★ Any change in the way your teeth fit together when you bite
- ★ Any change in the fit of partial dentures

### SOME FACTORS INCREASE THE RISK OF DEVELOPING GUM DISEASE. THEY ARE:

- ★ Poor oral hygiene
- ★ Smoking or chewing tobacco
- ★ Genetics
- ★ Crooked teeth that are hard to keep clean
- ★ Pregnancy/hormonal changes
- ★ Diabetes
- ★ Medications, including steroids, certain types of anti-epilepsy drugs, cancer therapy drugs, some calcium channel blockers and oral contraceptives

### IT'S NOT JUST GUM DISEASE. IT'S YOUR HEALTH.

If you have been told that you have gum disease, you are not alone. Nearly 70% of adults have some form of gum disease. The most important thing to know about gum disease is that you shouldn't ignore it.

Left untreated, gum disease will result in receding gums, bone loss, and ultimately may cost you your teeth. Studies show that periodontal disease is associated with heart disease, diabetes and cancer. It's important for your overall health that you get treatment.

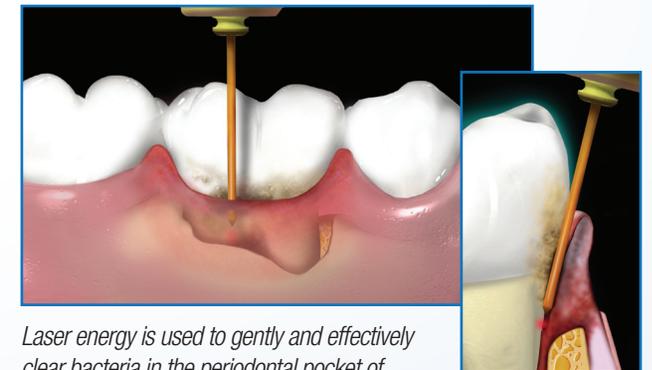
### PATIENT PREFERRED – MINIMALLY INVASIVE

REPAIR is a clinically proven laser protocol used to treat gum disease, either in a small area or throughout the entire mouth. REPAIR offers significant advantages including:

- ★ Helps preserve tissue and bone
- ★ Reduces pain and discomfort compared to conventional treatment
- ★ Reduces need for pain medication
- ★ Promotes more rapid healing
- ★ Reduces post-operative discomfort

### BETTER PATIENT EXPERIENCE, FASTER HEALING

Today's laser technology is a major advancement in treatment. Patients treated with laser energy simply recover more quickly. The Waterlase iPlus™ performs incisions precisely and disinfects the operative site as it works, to help you heal faster.



*Laser energy is used to gently and effectively clear bacteria in the periodontal pocket of each tooth.*

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