

Your Periodontal Health

This practice specializes itself to the treatment of periodontal disease.

Periodontal disease is caused by the bacteria, which are normally in your mouth, getting out of control. Periodontal disease is usually painless and because of this many people do not realize they have a problem. In fact, periodontal disease is very common and is the major cause of tooth loss in the adult population. Consequences of this tooth loss is facial collapse (facial distortion giving appearance of sinking cheeks), poor speech and inadequate digestion, which affects your overall health. Recently it has been found that there may be a link between periodontal disease itself and chronic infections, cardiovascular disease and low birth weight babies.

The good news is that periodontal disease can be controlled, thus preventing tooth loss. The first step in getting control of periodontal disease is developing a plan of treatment. This plan includes active periodontal therapy, a periodontal maintenance program, and equally as important, thorough daily home care. When periodontal disease causes tooth loss; there must also be a plan to restore normal function and appearance after the periodontal disease is controlled.

Proper restoration is critical to any long-term plan for oral health. It will allow the restoration of adequate chewing surface, proper biting force distribution and appearance, yet allow for proper home care. The end result of this planning and treatment is optimal oral health, function, with better general health and appearance.