



USING LASERS TO CREATE HEALTHY GUMS

BY DR. PROVINES

➤ **PERIODONTITIS IS A** set of inflammatory diseases affecting the tissues that surround and support the teeth. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, it affects 85 percent of American adults aged 18 and older and is a major cause for tooth loss.

Studies continue to uncover some startling consequences for poor gum health, which makes the creation of a palatable treatment an important tool in American health care. Widely reported studies have linked gum disease with heart disease and stroke. A recent case has now linked periodontitis with a full-term baby's death. The mother's untreated periodontitis is thought to have introduced deadly bacteria into her womb.

New advances have revolutionized the treatment and maintenance of Periodontitis. Laser

Periodontal Therapy™ (LPT™), also known as LANAP, is breakthrough technology that replaces conventional scalpel and suture surgery for the treatment of moderate to severe gum disease. The laser energy selectively removes diseased or infected tissue while sparing more healthy tissue. Compared to older techniques, patients experience minimal pain, bleeding, swelling, gum recession and root sensitivity.

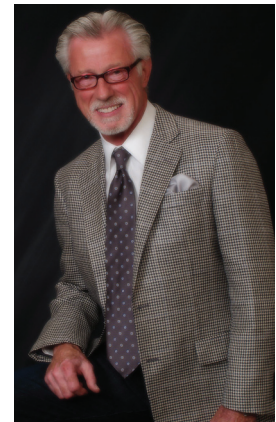
Dr. Provines is proud to announce the addition of the advanced PerioLase dental laser to his practice. This is the first and only laser designed specifically for Laser Assisted New Attachment Procedures.™

Dr. Provines is a member of an elite group of Periodontists recently trained at the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry

in the LANAP procedure in Cerritos, California. This Intense program provides an opportunity to work with the program directors one on one (one of only three doctors) in this extensive program. The Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry is currently the only United States laser training Institute in active operation that has the ADA-CERP recognition.

With regular three-month periodontal exams and periodontal maintenance cleaning, the LANAP procedure has proven resistant to future periodontal breakdown. Patients are encouraged to improve and maintain standards of oral hygiene to prevent further active periodontitis.

To learn more about this breakthrough technology, contact The Peninsula Center for Implantology. <



Dr. Provines is a skilled periodontist and implantologist who delivers specialized care for strong, healthy smiles. For over 30 years, residents of Mountain View, Los Altos, San Jose and surrounding areas have relied on him for quality therapies and personalized care. He enjoys getting to know his patients and creating enduring smiles. Dr. Provines' educational achievements include an undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University, a doctorate in medical dentistry from Washington University in St. Louis and a certificate in periodontics from Boston University, Goldman School of Dental Medicine.



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