

PERIODONTAL INFORMATION AND TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PATIENT _____ DATE _____

I have been advised on this date that I have:

Type I	Gingivitis
Type II	Early Adult/Slight Periodontitis
Type III	Moderate Adult Periodontitis
Type IV	Severe Periodontitis

I have been advised that periodontal disease is caused by bacterial plaque and that bleeding gums and periodontal pockets are clinical indicators of the disease.

I have been advised that periodontal disease is progressive, inflammatory and episodic and that failure to treat the disease may result in acute infection and loss of teeth.

I have been advised that the first step in treating periodontal disease is the removal of all plaque and toxins from tooth surfaces. This is accomplished through procedures which include:

1. periodontal debridement, root planning, periodontal scaling
2. antimicrobial therapies and chemotherapeutics
3. detailed and specific instructions for proper daily plaque removal
4. ongoing and continuous supportive periodontal therapy

I have been advised that proper daily plaque removal is critical to treat the disease since it can only be controlled, not cured.

Following the completion of initial therapy, a re-evaluation will be performed to determine if further treatment and/or referral to a periodontist is necessary and to determine the interval for follow-up care. Evaluation procedures will be repeated periodically in order to monitor the progress of the disease. As prescribed by the American Academy of Periodontology, an interval of three months between Supportive Periodontal Therapy appointments is generally required for effective control and monitoring of the patient's periodontal status. The interval may vary depending on the individual patient and the clinical judgment of the dentist.

Disposition

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