

## Laser Gum Surgery Information: (Deep Periodontal Therapy)

DPT is a laser procedure used to remove bacteria and decrease the size of gum pockets in areas of the mouth that are not responding to regular cleanings and good home care.

It works best for moderate bone loss, but can work to clean out deep pockets as well.

It involves using laser energy along side the root to remove the extra bacteria and to reach into areas that the hygienist's instruments cannot reach due to the depth or narrowness of the pocket.

Healing is much faster and less painful using a laser for this procedure versus traditional surgical methods.

Results will only last if good home care is present and the patient maintains regular hygiene visits. Otherwise, the procedure may have to be repeated in the future.