

## CORRECTIVE PERIODONTAL PROCEDURES

You have been scheduled for a procedure to help correct the damage that has occurred under the gumline. This procedure is generally accomplished in about an hour and is done with local anesthesia (Novocain). After the area becomes numb, the gum tissues are gently lifted. We then clean the area, and remove residual debris and tartar from the root surfaces. Some areas of damage can be reshaped and eliminated. More advanced areas may require techniques to help your body rebuild areas of lost bone. The gum is then replaced and held with several sutures. A protective dressing may be placed over the area. One week later, you will return to have the sutures removed. Several additional visits may be necessary to check the areas to make sure tissues are maturing properly.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Q. Can I eat before the procedure?*

*A. Yes, follow your normal diet.*

*Q. Can I eat after the procedure?*

*Yes, but please wait until the numbness goes away (usually within 1-3 hours after the procedure) to prevent biting or burning of the tongue.*

*Q. Do I need a driver?*

*A. No, unless you have a form of sedation along with the local anesthetic.*

*Q. Will I be able to go back to work?*

*A. In most cases, yes. We recommend that you fill your prescriptions and begin taking them as we have recommended prior to the appointment. We also recommend that you have some means of applying a cold pack intermittently to the outside of the face to prevent swelling.*

*Q. Will there be much pain afterwards?*

*A. Patients' experiences vary and if you carefully follow our recommendations before and after your procedure, you should experience minimal discomfort.*

If you have any additional questions prior to the procedure, please do not hesitate to call. (610) 664-9510 OR EMAIL US: [BORGUET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BORGUET@GMAIL.COM)

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