About Periodontitis

If your gums are unusually tender and red or if flossing causes your gums to swell and bleed, you may be suffering from periodontal disease (gum disease). This is quite common—three out of four adults are diagnosed with periodontal disease each year. Nearly 70 percent of adult tooth loss can be attributed to gum disease.

Periodontal disease is caused by an excessive build-up of bacterial plaque on the teeth. As the plaque hardens, toxins are released from the bacteria causing the gums (soft tissue) to become irritated. The soft tissues around the teeth become increasingly damaged with the progression of the disease, as does the hard tissue, or bone, that support the teeth.

About Your Bill

With your permission, a member of our business office staff will contact your insurance company prior to surgery to verify your benefits if you have insurance. We will determine your insurance coverage for your treatment, and our "no surprises" policy will inform you of the expected amount of coverage for the procedure. It is your responsibility to pay anything over the "usual and customary" fee schedule they may allow. All deductible and co-payment amounts are due at your appointment times.

For your convenience, we accept cash, personal checks, Visa, Discover and Master Card.

We recognize that paying for necessary surgical treatment can sometimes be challenging. It is important to us that everyone has access to a healthy smile. We do offer a 6-12 month payment plan with no interest through Care Credit and Citi Health Card. Our business staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have or to assist you in applying for an extended payment plan.

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Gum disease can be controlled if the appropriate treatment measures are taken in a timely manner. When the disease is in its early stages, we typically need only to remove plaque and calculus in and around the affected teeth. However, if the disease is advanced, surgical treatment by the periodontist may be necessary.

Dr. Tohme will personally explain all recommended procedures and will keep you fully informed about every aspect of your treatment.

 Oral Health Instructions: An in-depth evaluation and recommendation of home care techniques will be provided by one of our clinical staff or registered dental hygienists.

 Non-Surgical Care: We offer a variety of non-surgical treatment options, including deep cleanings (scaling) to remove plaque and calculus deposits, comprehensive home care instructions and dental education sessions.

 Surgical Procedures: In some cases, periodontal disease has caused deeper gum pockets and underlying bone loss. At this stage, surgery becomes necessary to eliminate disease and restore the health of the underlying bone. If surgery is necessary, you can feel confident that you are in good hands. Dr. Tohme has significant experience in all aspects of periodontal treatment, including implant placement.

Our goal is to prevent further damage and gradually restore you to optimum periodontal health. After your mouth is healthy again, we provide continuing care to reduce the chance of disease recurrence and to keep both teeth and gums strong.
About Our Practice
Thank you for choosing the periodontal practice of Toledo Periodontics, Inc. and Dr. Ziad Tohme. We are dedicated to improving your oral health. Our years of experience, state of the art equipment and compassionate and considerate service will make a positive difference in the outcome of your surgical treatment. We are dedicated to making your experience in our office a pleasant one.

Your First Visit
Your first visit to our office will be a consultation during which:
1. We will listen to your main concern and the concerns of your general dentist.
2. We will perform a thorough exam.
3. We will explore all treatment options
4. TOGETHER, we will select an option that will be suitable to your circumstances, time, finances and other needs.
5. We will communicate with your primary care doctor or other specialist to create a comprehensive treatment plan.
6. We will explore all financial options including your insurance.
7. We will provide you with educational material to help you understand your condition and maximize the outcome of your treatment.

Working with Your Family Dentist
Your family dentist has referred you to our office and naturally plays an important role in the management of periodontal disease. It is important to return to your general dentist on a regular basis for exams and oral hygiene visits.
We recognize the value of good communication between doctors and have therefore made a commitment to work with your family dentist before, during and after your treatment.

New & Modern Technology in Our Office
Toledo Periodontics is committed to offering the newest technology to provide you with the most modern treatment in a safe environment. Here are some examples of this new technology:

3. Amid laser technology & the Picasso dental laser. When indicated, use of this technology during surgical procedures allows for: precision treatment, reduction of bleeding and improved healing time.

4. Digital Schick x-ray. The Schick digital x-ray allows Dr. Tohme to provide an immediate diagnosis with minimal radiation exposure to our patients. The precise level of anatomical detail is essential in determining the best method of treatment as well as seeing the smallest abnormality. The digital x-ray will allow our team to offer unlimited crisp copies to your general dentist or insurance company at no cost to you saving you money and additional exposure to duplicate x-rays.

5. Collaboration with high quality CAT scan images center. The CAT scan technology is an essential component to be incorporated in modern offices that specialize in delivering the options of dental implants. With the help of the surgical guide, it ensures an optimal placement of the implant, as well as further analysis to the quantity and the quality of the bone.

6. The state-of-the-art KODAK 1000 intraoral video camera. This technology allows Dr. Tohme to capture photos of the inside of the mouth, including teeth and gums, easily and quickly, thereby improving communication with the patient as well as the referring dentist.

7. Casey educational system. The Casey educational system improves communication of treatment options. These brief video clips allow us to explain the need for treatment, treatment options, consequences of delaying treatment, treatment procedures and aftercare. Both English and Spanish narrations are available for all presentations. A sample of the presentations can be viewed online at: http://toledoperio.com/wp-content/themes/toledoperio/Ed-Vids.php

8. Your comfort is first. The most advanced techniques in anesthesia and sedation to make your visit as comfortable as possible in a very peaceful and enjoyable environment including the most comfortable dental chairs, eye protection, surround musical system that offers soft relaxing music and a beautiful, tranquil view to the back garden.

9. Educational and lecture center. Our office offers a program for our referring dentists, hygienists and staff - “Lunch ‘N Learn.” We will provide lunch while Dr. Tohme discusses chosen topics, provides slides and answers any and all questions. Dr. Tohme offers a wide variety of topics that will definitely be of interest to your family dental team.

Appointments/Scheduling
Because we want to make your first visit as convenient as possible, we mail the necessary health history forms to your home. Please bring the completed forms with you on your first visit.
We value your time and pride ourselves on the efficiency of our office. Our convenient office hours allow you to make an appointment that fits easily into your schedule.

1. State of the art A-DEC sterilization center. This system is designed to separate contaminated instruments from sterilized items, simplifying maintenance and sterilization protocols and assuring your safety.

2. Vista water purification system that exceeds the CDC and OSHA requirements. The Vista Clear system is intended to provide improved water quality and reduce bacterial contamination in dental unit waterlines used for dental treatment procedures.