

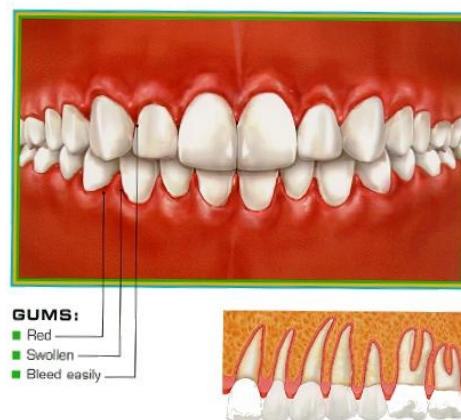
What is Periodontal Disease?

Periodontal disease is caused by a bacterial infection located in the gum tissue. In its early stages it is called gingivitis and is both preventable and reversible. If left untreated, gingivitis can lead to early, middle and advanced periodontitis which affects the gum tissue and the bone. This can eventually lead to tooth mobility and loss.

Warning Signs:

- Bad Taste in the Mouth
- Bad Breath
- Red or Swollen Gums
- Tender Gums
- Bleeding Gums
- Loose Teeth
- Sensitive Teeth
- Pain When Chewing
- Pus Around the Teeth and Gums
- Calculus (Orange Brown Hard Deposit on Tooth Surfaces)

GINGIVITIS



Prevention:

Dental hygienists recommend visiting your oral health care provider regularly; practicing consistent and thorough oral hygiene as prescribed, eating nutritionally balanced meals and avoiding smoking and chewing tobacco.

Treatment:

If periodontal disease is diagnosed treatment may consist of referral to a specialist for periodontal diagnosis and treatment. This may consist of a variety of modalities including scaling, root planing and possibly surgery. You may be advised that a Soft Tissue Management program is appropriate. This will be discussed further at your hygiene appointment.

SEVERE PERIODONTITIS

