

Laser Ablation New Attachment Procedure--Laser ANAP®

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

- I. *The Health Sciences continue to make remarkable advances in technology and techniques. These efforts to develop and introduce improvements over current health care treatments, are ultimately intended for the benefit of prospective patient candidates. An essential element in these efforts is to communicate all essential information to patient candidates, so that the prospective patient is able to make a knowledgeable decision. With this premise in mind, all of the pertinent facts involved in the cooperation between the surgeon, and the prospective patient is listed in detail below, so that there is a full disclosure of the procedures and complete comprehension by the patient. It is necessary that each patient read, understand, and sign the following form before proceeding with the Laser Ablation New Attachment Procedure--Laser ANAP.*
- II. I have consulted Dr. Braden Seamons because I seek a solution to my dental problem by using the laser to treat the gum disease that has been diagnosed as needing Laser ANAP.
- III. I acknowledge that Dr. Braden Seamons has carefully examined my mouth. In his opinion, dental Subgingival excision with a contact laser fiber may solve the problems from which I have been suffering.
- IV. I understand that in his experience a large percentage of Laser ANAP cases (87%) have not needed retreatment for more than five years barring any unforeseen health or accident problems. There are limited long term studies of the partially edentulous situation. Laser ANAP seem to be more predictable than other types of dental gum surgery.
- V. Dr. Braden Seamons has explained other alternative periodontal surgical procedures such as Widman Flap, cut and sew and other methods. I hereby state that I have tried or considered conventional methods of periodontal surgery and regard them to be unsatisfactory for me.
- VI. I acknowledge that Dr. Braden Seamons has explained that optimum results with Laser ANAP depends on the individual body response of each person. There is no method in the present knowledge to guarantee the healing capabilities of any patient following treatment by Laser ANAP.
- VII. Dr. Braden Seamons has stated that smoking and/or non-moderate use of alcohol can adversely affect gum tissue healing. Observation has shown that excesses in any of the above may limit the longevity of the Laser ANAP treatment. I understand that calcium balance and hormones can affect the continued loss of bone.
- VIII. Dr. Braden Seamons has detailed the methods and importance of oral hygiene. I agree to cooperate in order to accomplish my personal home care as instructed by Dr. Braden Seamons or his hygienist. I further agree to follow Dr. Braden Seamons's diet recommendations.
- IX. Dr. Braden Seamons has explained that if nothing is done the following sequences of events can happen:
 - A. Where no treatment is undertaken, further gum and bone degeneration of the supporting tissues can continue, increasing the severity of, and/or adding to, the problems presently suffered by the patient to include:
 1. Loss of teeth due to traumatic occlusion and/or loss of vertical bone support.
 2. Infections in the gums and bone such as ANUG.
 3. Tarter/calculus buildup causing loss of vertical bone support.
 - B. Where only groups of teeth are missing:
 1. None replacement of teeth -- in areas where excessive chewing forces exist -- may cause pronounced loss of bone, and gum disease around the remaining teeth.
 2. Patient may replace teeth with conventional removable partial dentures.

- X. Dr. Braden Seamons has explained that it will be my responsibility to report to his office every six (6) months, or at any other times he may recommend to carefully check the status of my Laser ANAP treatment. A regular hygiene appointments will be made for follow-up examinations subsequent to the first six (6) months of the Laser ANAP treatment.
- XI. I submit that I have given an accurate report on my health history. To my best knowledge I have not withheld any information regarding my medical or mental health. Any previous allergic or unusual reactions to drugs, foods, insect bites, anesthetics, pollens, dust, or any material or condition have been willingly offered to the doctor for my complete health history.
- XII. I understand that Laser ANAP involves one or more mouth surgeries. I understand that after adequate healing some areas may need to be spot treated with Laser ANAP and occlusal adjustments.

Although complications from periodontal surgery are rare, they can occur. The most common complications are as follows: brief systemic bacterial exposure, reactions to medications including allergies, post surgical discomfort, bleeding, swelling, bruising, Trismus (limited opening of jaw due to inflammation and/or swelling in the muscles), tooth sensitivity, infection, gum recession (shrinkage) with tooth elongation, increased tooth looseness, food impaction between teeth after eating, unaesthetic exposure of crown margins, jaw/joint dysfunction, transient but on occasion permanent numbness of the jaw, lip, tongue, teeth, chin or gum, drug reactions possible from medications and anesthetic, sinus involvement (opening may develop from the sinus to the mouth), and/or (specify): _____

- XIII. "Occlusal adjustment" and "occlusal equilibration" has been fully explained to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, and I fully understand that occlusal adjustments and equilibration require my 100% cooperation and compliance. It has been explained to me that failure to complete all phases of occlusal adjustments and equilibration may result in oral-facial pain, temporal mandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ) sore and painful teeth; and that it has been explained to me that until the teeth have been fully adjusted and/or equilibrated I may experience transitional TMJ pain, muscle soreness, headaches, tooth pain, tooth sensitivity, and cheek biting. I understand adjusting crowns can remove porcelain, expose metal and/or tooth structure, and requiring the replacement of any and all crowns.
- XIV. I am further advised that I may receive an explanation of all risks and treatment(s) prior to starting, as well as any other questions during the progress of my treatment, just by asking Dr. Braden Seamons.
- XV. If Dr. Seamons considers my case appropriate, I hereby give authorization for photos to be taken of my mouth during the course of Laser ANAP treatment. It has been explained that these photos, slides, or X-rays may be used in teaching other dentists for the advancement of Laser ANAP in dentistry.
- XVI. With full understanding, I authorize Dr. Seamons and the Laser ANAP team to perform dental services for me, including Laser ANAP and other surgery deemed necessary for the planned treatment. I will also agree to the use of local anesthetic, sedation, and analgesia depending on the judgment of the surgeon involved in my case. Dr. Seamons has explained that if there is a need for someone to drive me from the doctor's office following surgery I am to arrange this myself.
- XVII. I understand that Dr. Seamons will do the very best according to all of the latest principles of Laser dentistry to perform Laser ANAP. Because of continuing progress in Laser ANAP dentistry I authorize any modifications in designs, materials, or care -- if in his experience and professional judgment he feels it is for my best interest.
- XVIII. I understand that it is necessary to complete all phases of recommended treatment, and agree to do so.

Patient Signature

Date