

## Periodontal Disease-

Periodontal disease is an infectious and inflammatory disease which destroys the periodontal tissues. These tissues consist of the gums and the bone that support teeth. It is a gum and bone disease. Periodontal disease affects 3 out of 4 adults. It is caused by a growing colony of bacteria called “plaque.” The greatest cause of adult tooth loss is periodontal disease

In the early stages of periodontal disease there is little, if any, pain; therefore, you may not notice the gradual onset of puffiness and occasional bleeding. Without thorough removal, toxins from plaque cause the disease process to continue. Periodontal disease left untreated may result in extensive bone destruction and possible tooth loss.

If detected in the early stages, periodontal disease can be treated and controlled.

We will refer to the timely diagnosis and treatment signs and symptoms of periodontal disease as Soft Tissue Management.

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