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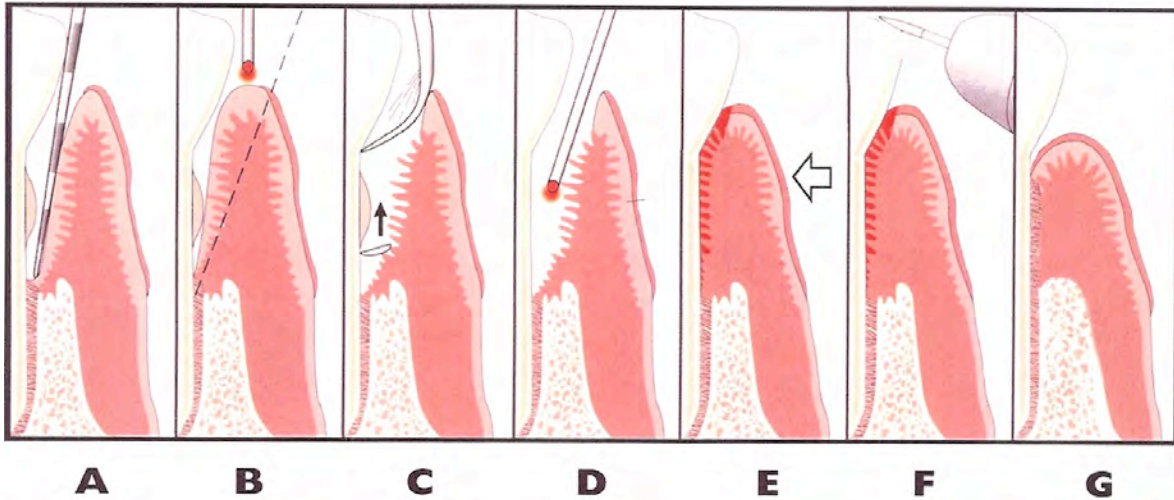
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Laser Assisted Periodontal Therapy



- A) Perio probe in a deep pocket (note tartar on root)
- B) Laser removes bacteria and diseased gum tissue
- C) The tartar is removed with ultrasonic's and specific instruments
- D) Laser further cleans the pocket and creates sealing clot
- E) Healing begins immediately
- F) Bite is adjusted removing excessive bite forces
- G) Healing occurs

Laser assisted periodontal therapy is a laser-based approach to gum disease using a ND:Yag free running pulsed laser. It is a surgical procedure but different than conventional periodontal surgery. Studies have shown comparable and sometimes better outcomes than traditional approaches. To you the patient the significant benefit is less pain, less bleeding less swelling, less tissue removed, less down time and less recovery time. The treatment objective is to remove only the diseased tissue without removing the healthy tissue, maintain the height of the tissue around teeth and get closure of the periodontal pocket wound and allow healing to take place. Controlling periodontal disease makes it possible to save teeth and provide a healthy mouth essential to good overall health.