

COSMETIC DENTISTRY PROFESSIONALS

Joseph R. Nemeth, D.D.S. & Associates

Periodontics & Dental Implants

A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN PERIODONTAL THERAPY, RECONSTRUCTION AND PLASTIC SURGERY is Joseph R. Nemeth, D.D.S., who serves metropolitan Detroit from his Southfield practice.

"This is an exciting time to be a periodontist," says Dr. Nemeth. "With the technology and procedures now available, we can rebuild periodontal support for teeth. Not only can we regenerate lost bone and rebuild gum tissue, we can also recontour the gums to create esthetically pleasing smiles."

People with periodontal conditions that would have made tooth loss unavoidable a few years ago are now able to keep their teeth for a lifetime. These people lose bone and gum tissue because of their periodontal disease, a bacterial infection present in nearly all adults to varying degrees. Eventually, the disease may cause a tooth's entire support structure to become so weak that the tooth falls out or has to be extracted.

"The first step in treating periodontal disease is to control the infection and stop its destructive course," explains Dr. Nemeth. "Then our goal is to reconstruct lost support, thereby providing stability and longevity for the teeth."

Reconstruction includes not only growth of new gum tissue where needed but also bone regeneration, a procedure that encourages new bone growth to replace lost bone.

Dental Implants

Periodontal reconstruction also encompasses dental implants. An implant is a man-made replacement for a natural tooth root, which allows patients who would otherwise depend on removable dentures, partials and bridges to enjoy the same function, permanence and appearance of natural teeth. "We are well positioned to help patients because we are able to provide a broad range of options for restorative dentistry," says Dr. Robert Becker, an associate periodontist who brings



Robert Becker, D.D.S., M.S. (left) and Joseph R. Nemeth, D.D.S.

Grafting to Eliminate Recession



Before

A young man was concerned about deep recession and bone loss around some lower teeth. He was experiencing painful sensitivity to both hot and cold liquids, and he was embarrassed to have the defect displayed when he smiled.



After

Grafts covered exposed roots to decrease sensitivity and to restore a normal gum line and a confident smile. Periodontal surgery can offer solutions to functional and esthetic problems involving either too little or too much gum tissue.

to Dr. Nemeth's practice a wealth of experience with dental implants.

Periodontal Plastic Surgery

With advances in laser technology, periodontal plastic surgery has emerged as a vehicle by which patients with too little or too much gum tissue can achieve a cosmetically pleasing smile. "A pleasing smile requires more than attractive teeth," says Dr. Nemeth. "The gum line around the teeth can have a major impact on the quality of a smile."

Some people have a "gummy" smile that reveals too much tissue and detracts from the esthetic appearance of their smiles. "We can recontour the gum line so that there is a better balance between gums and teeth, making the smile much more attractive," explains Dr. Nemeth.

Other patients suffer from a receding gum line that makes teeth appear disproportionately large. "In these cases," he continues, "we have had great success in rebuilding the gum tissue to create a visually appealing gum line."

Among the many clinical benefits that laser technology affords is increased patient comfort. Dr. Nemeth is one of the first periodontists nationwide to use lasers in his practice, and today he utilizes four types of lasers – technology found in very few periodontal practices in the country.

He is also one of the first periodontists to provide microsurgery. "A special microscope enables us to utilize plastic surgery techniques to attain the best esthetic results possible," Dr. Nemeth says.

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