

“The Wow Factor”
*Delivering exceptional cosmetic dentistry and increasing
profitability using the diode soft tissue laser~
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1. Uses for the Laser, Overview

- a. operculectomy
- b. frenectomy
- c. growths and lesions
- d. chronic issues
- e. tissue recontouring

2. Operculectomies

- a. allows patient to keep tooth clean
- b. facilitates better distal flossing
- c. decreases chance of pericoronitis
- d. decreases swelling
- e. decreases pain when chewing
- f. decreases chance for decay in the tooth

3. Removal of Growths and Lesions

- a. fibroma
- b. cancerous or benign lesions requiring
- c. clean cut with no bleeding
- d. no sutures resulting in cleaner biopsy and less healing time
- e. apthous ulcers

4. Frenectomy

- a. Maxillary Frenum: labial and buccal
- b. Mandibular: lingual
- c. Mandibular Frenum: labial and buccal
- d. Benefits
 - 1. no bleeding or sutures
 - 2. decrease pain and healing time
 - 3. decreased chair time

5. Gingival Recontouring

- a. Make teeth look longer
- b. Make teeth look straighter
- c. Leads more cosmetic work
- d. No packing of cord
- e. Precise impressions
- f. Better lab communication
- g. increase interproximal access
- h. removal of chronic enflamed tissue (i.e. abfractions, class V lesions)

6. Smile Design Cases

- a. makes tissue more symmetrical
- b. balances the smile
- c. enhances laboratory communication
- d. makes teeth appear longer and straighter
- e. turns your good case into an exceptional one

7. Overview

8. Q&A

9. Closing Remarks

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