



FAILURE to FANTASTIC

Our Patient's Story

Doug has a history of aggressive tooth brushing. He recently developed sensitivity to cold stimuli and was avoiding ice cream and cold drinks.

Clinical Concerns

The recession is advanced and generalized. The exposed root surfaces show evidence of erosion and suggests excessive exposure to acidic food and drink and, possibly, gastric reflux disease. The large number of affected teeth creates a challenge. Root coverage and gingival augmentation are the goals in this case. Without successful root coverage, root erosion will continue and lead to tooth loss.

Results

Excellent root coverage was achieved in both arches. Donated tissue was used to treat all 24 affected teeth in one session. All treatment was completed in under two hours.



Full-Mouth Pinhole Grafting

For patients with generalized gum recession, the Pinhole Surgical Technique allows Dr. Parker to treat more teeth in fewer visits. An entire arch can be treated in a single session without using any of the patient's own tissue. The technique thickens the gum tissues while covering exposed tooth roots that can be sensitive, unsightly, and prone to decay over time. Post-operative discomfort is minimal allowing patients to resume their busy lives more quickly. To learn whether you are a candidate for this state-of-the-art procedure, please contact our office to schedule an evaluation by Dr. Parker.



Right side: before surgery



One month post-op

Additional Information

Patients can reverse years of unsightly and uncomfortable gum recession in a single treatment session.

- Intravenous conscious sedation allows patients to safely and comfortably undergo treatment with little to no memory of the experience.
- A pro-active approach to seeking treatment increases the likelihood that patients are candidates for the Pinhole Surgical Technique.
- Dental benefits may be applicable for this treatment.
- Patients with old, long crowns can have the teeth "shortened" with the Pinhole Surgical Technique before new, modern, beautiful crowns are placed by their dentist.
- To see if you are a candidate for the ground-breaking advanced treatment solution, please call (513) 474-4486

Procedure:

Small "pinhole" access points are made in the gums under the top and bottom lips. The existing gum tissues are freed up and advanced after the exposed roots are thoroughly cleaned and smooth. Donor tissues are then introduced through the "pinhole" access points to thicken the tissues. The donor tissues support the advanced outer gum tissues and cover the exposed roots. Sutures may be placed to support the new gum flap position.

Healing occurs over a period of six weeks. While most patients return to work or school the next day, special care is necessary to ensure the procedure is successful. Dr. Parker and our team see patients periodically throughout the healing process.



One month post-op healing.



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