

Flap

Pocket reduction necessary

If you have deep gum pockets infected with periodontal disease, we may perform flap surgery to help the area heal.

The procedure, sometimes called a pocket reduction, may be necessary when gum pockets are so deep that scaling and root planing cannot remove the infection.



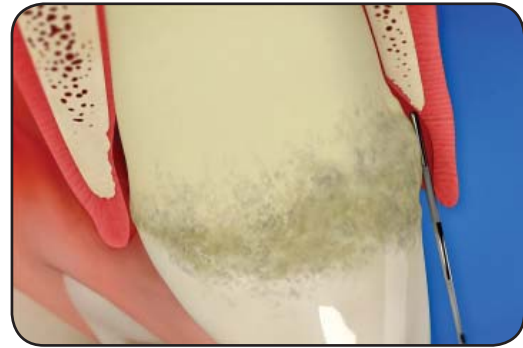
Lifting the gum exposes the plaque



Reshaped tooth surface



Gel is applied to the tooth root



Probe is inserted into the infected pocket

Procedure

To begin the procedure, we first make sure all the areas are completely numb.

Then, we gently separate the gums from the tooth. This creates a flap and gives us access to the bone and tooth root.

We remove plaque, tartar, bacteria, and infected tissue from the area.

We may then smooth the bone around the tooth. This will limit the areas where bacteria can hide and will help the gums reattach to the tooth.

In some cases, we may also apply special proteins or other treatments that help reattachment.

The gums are secured with a few stitches. As the gum tissue heals, it tightens more closely around the tooth.

Benefits

Periodontal flap surgery—

- ❖ removes the source of infection.
- ❖ reduces the size of the gum pockets.
- ❖ helps the gum tissue heal and reattach to the bone.
- ❖ makes it easier to keep the area plaque-free.

It is an effective method for treating deep-seated periodontal disease and restoring your health.