Perio-Implant Care Emphasizes the Importance of Gum Disease Awareness and Treatment in Northern Kentucky

Dr. Ryan Estes and Dr. Allison Marlow explain how untreated gum disease can lead to dangerous problems both in and outside of the mouth.

FLORENCE, Ky. (PRWEB) February 15, 2019 -- In observance of Gum Disease Awareness Month, Dr. Ryan Estes and Dr. Allison Marlow of Perio-Implant Care are urging patients to take their oral health seriously. With recent suggested links between gum disease and heart disease, stroke, certain cancers, diabetes, Alzheimer's and dementia, and risk of pre-term birth, there is plenty to be concerned about along with tooth loss and gum recession.

"If you have gum disease symptoms or suffer from gum disease, it is as if you have open wounds in your gums that allow millions of bacteria to enter directly into your blood stream and circulate throughout your body," says Dr. Estes. "Research continues to show links between periodontal disease and other systemic illnesses. Seeking gum disease treatment early on is vital to protecting your oral and general health."

Along with regularly scheduling dental visits and taking an active role in the treatment of any diagnosed gum disease, it's important patients are aware they have multiple treatment options available to them. One such option is the LANAP® protocol, a minimally invasive laser gum disease treatment method offered by Perio-Implant Care. It can be performed in as little as one treatment session, and is safe to use on patients with health concerns such as diabetes, heart disease, and hemophilia, without discontinuing medication. It is the only scientifically proven laser gum disease treatment FDA cleared to regenerate the bone and tissues lost to gum disease.

"What's great about LANAP treatment is that it has faster healing times and less pain for patients, meaning there's no need for post-surgery medication and most patients are able to go back to their regular activities the same day," said Dr. Marlow, who joined Dr. Estes as a LANAP Certified Clinician in 2018. "The procedure also has been scientifically proven to regenerate the bone around the teeth. LANAP treatment has been FDA cleared and has extensive research and positive scientific results to support its success."

LANAP treatment users laser energy to target the source of gum disease, without harming or removing any healthy gum tissue, decreases pocket depth, and allows the body to recover from the chronic infection without the need for scalpel or sutures. In cases of failing dental implants, the LAPIP treatment is used to treat peri-implantitis (gum disease of the implant) and save the implant. Patients report less pain and less post-op sensitivity and a quicker recovery when compared to traditional osseous surgery. The LANAP treatment is a patented procedure that requires doctors to complete advanced training from the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry (IALD).

For information on the LANAP gum disease treatment, call Perio-Implant Care at (859-371-6543 for an appointment at either its Florence or Fort Thomas locations.

About Dr. Estes
Dr. Estes completed his undergraduate education at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky before obtaining his Doctorate of Dental Medicine at the University Of Kentucky College Of Dentistry. He was accepted and completed a three year residency program in Periodontics and Dental Implantology at the
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Department of Periodontology.

This residency is comprised of advanced training in multiple areas; including periodontal disease, medically compromised patients, gum tissue grafting, esthetic gum tissue shaping, dental implants, advanced bone grafting for dental implants and periodontal disease, diagnosis and treatment of oral pathology, and most importantly working as a team with general dentists and other specialists (including physicians) for comprehensive dental treatment. Dr. Estes also received a Masters of Dental Science, conducting a research project examining the effects of smoking on dental implant success and patient satisfaction.

Ryan is married to Dr. Olivia Faulkner Estes, from Cynthiana, Kentucky, having met while she was a dental student and Ryan a resident in the Periodontology program. Ryan also enjoys hunting, fishing, Kentucky football and basketball, and his two chocolate labs Malley and Titan.

About Dr. Marlow
Dr. Marlow completed her undergraduate education at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama before completing a Doctorate of Dental Surgery and a three-year residency program in Periodontics and Dental Implantology at Indiana University School of Dentistry. This residency consisted of advanced training in periodontal disease, gum tissue grafting, esthetic gum shaping, dental implants, advanced bone grafting for dental implants and periodontal disease, management of medically compromised patients, diagnosis and treatment of oral pathology, and team-approach techniques between general dentists, dental specialists, and medical physicians for a comprehensive dental treatment.

In her free time, she enjoys travel, baking, hiking, zip-lining, and spending time with her family and their pit-bull “lap-dog”, Tucker.
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