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### New Laser Fights Gum Disease

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**Big Spring, Texas-** Dental health takes more than just brushing and flossing as you age, to prevent gum disease, the number one cause of tooth loss, can take help from a dentist.



In Big Spring, there is a new option when it comes to handling Gum Disease.



"Many people don't get gum surgery because they'd rather face losing all of their teeth than face the pain and suffering," said Johnnie Lou Avery, who went through conventional surgery nine years ago.

"There was blood and pain and stitches, not only during the surgery but afterwards," said Avery, who underwent the new laser surgery today.

"It's like buying a Model-T instead of a new Cadillac because everything thing that the old conventional surgery does the new conventional surgery does. It just does it better, cheaper, more efficiently and it does it with so much less pain," said Avery.

Dr. David Ward, DDS, PC is one of five hundred doctors scattered throughout the country trained to use this new Perio-Las.

"The wavelength that this laser functions at it essentially vaporizes dark things. It vaporizes bacteria and their toxins found in the pocket and in the nooks and crannies near root's surface," said Dr. Ward.

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