

PATIENT HISTORY

79-year-old male and retired dentist was a perio transfer to the practice. Implant fixtures in the lower left posterior segment began to break down periodontally after approximately 7-8 years of reasonable service. Treatment was recommended at numerous recall visits but the patient chose to go on antibiotics and work harder with his home care.

TISSUE CONDITION

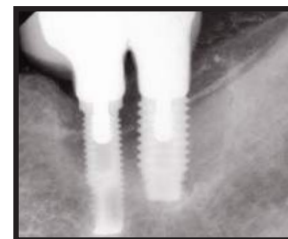
The soft tissues around the implants were chronically inflamed and there was a food impaction problem between the fixtures. From time to time the tissue area experienced acute inflammation and exudate could be found around the collars of the implant fixtures.

TREATMENT APPROACH

The LAPIP™ protocol was performed on 10/08/12 and included occlusal reduction of the lingual cusps of both # 18 & 19 crowns. A small amount of periodontal dressing was placed in the interproximal area to both stabilize the loose papilla and prevent possible food impaction.

RESULTS

The dressing was removed at five days and the interdental papilla remained intact. There were significant soft tissue changes within 10-14 days. Because of the level of concern over the implants, X-rays were taken at six months and later at 16 months. Soft tissues are now stable and normal looking with pocket measurements within normal limits. Broad osseous defects surrounding the fixtures are no longer present.



Pre-Op
Pocket Depths:
8,7,9 7,8,10



6 months Post-LAPIP™
Protocol



16 months Post-LAPIP™
Protocol
Pocket Depths:
4,3,4 4,3,4



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Dr. Nalley received his dental degree from the University of the Pacific, San Francisco and proceeded onto graduate school at the University of Iowa where he earned a Master of Science degree and Certificate in Periodontics in 1978. In addition, he served as periodontal resident at the VA hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Nalley spent a full year studying and attending laser therapy presentations and then made his decision to choose the PeriLase® MVP-7™. He trained in the LANAP® protocol for treatment of periodontally involved teeth and implants in 2011. He is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Dental Association, the California Society of Periodontists and serves as Region Director, and the San Diego County Periodontists and serves as Executive Director. He maintains a private practice limited to Periodontics in Carlsbad, California.