

## PATIENT HISTORY

A 56 year old healthy male presented to my office on 10/23/2014. A thorough examination revealed pocket depths ranging from 3-9mm. There were moderate to heavy accretions and generalized inflammation with bleeding upon gentle probing. The implant at #30 had suppuration. This implant was placed 3 years earlier by a dentist in Florida.

## TREATMENT APPROACH

Initial preparation done over two visits including scaling and root planing and oral hygiene instructions. The patient moved to Florida and didn't return to our office until a year later. There was essentially no change in his periodontal status.

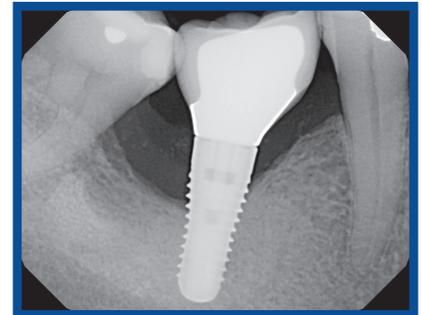
On 11/9/2015, LANAP therapy was performed and LAPIP for the ailing implant at #30. Initial probing depths were as follows: Buccal 7-7-7 and Lingual 10-6-7 from distal to mesial. 185 Joules were delivered around the implant during treatment.

## RESULTS

The patient followed up with us sporadically, as he lived in Florida full time. At his last maintenance visit on 11/13/2017, the tissue tone was excellent with minimal bleeding upon probing and pocket depths within normal ranges. The implant has a residual 5mm distal pocket and does not bleed when probed.



**Pre-Op  
Pocket Depths:**  
7,7,7      10,6,7



**24 months Post-LAPIP Protocol  
Pocket Depths:**  
5,3,4      4,3,3



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