



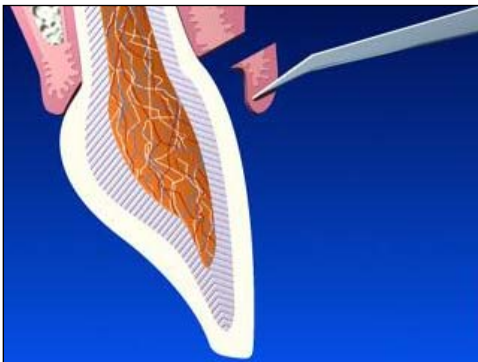
# Gingivectomy

For your dental health.

Healthy gums that fit tightly against the necks of the teeth are an important part of a beautiful smile. But sometimes the gums grow and extend onto the front surface of the teeth, disrupting the natural balance between the length of the teeth and the height of the gums. To restore balance to your smile, we can perform a procedure called a gingivectomy or gum reduction.



*Healthy gums*



*Removal of unhealthy tissue*



*Regrowth of healthy tissue*

## What is a gingivectomy?

Gingivectomy is a relatively minor type of periodontal surgery that involves the removal of a small amount of gum tissue around a tooth or several teeth. A gingivectomy might be necessary to remove diseased tissue, allow a filling or crown to be placed below the gum line, or to improve esthetics. The procedure is usually fairly quick and typically involves only a little postoperative pain.

## The procedure

First, we make sure that all involved areas of the gums are completely numb. We then carefully make a small incision and remove the excess gum tissue. After a couple of weeks, your gums will be completely healed.

A gum reduction procedure is a safe and predictable way to remove excess gum tissue and improve the natural appearance of your smile.