



**There Are Some Things  
You Can't Afford to Lose**

*A patient's information guide to  
Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy  
using GORE Regenerative Membranes.*

REGENERATIVE  
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## **What Causes Tooth Loss?**

Periodontal disease, also known as gum disease, is caused by a buildup of a sticky film of bacteria, called plaque, which collects on the surface of the teeth. In time, plaque hardens into tartar or calculus — a tough, gritty substance that can be removed only by professional cleaning.

When calculus builds up over time — due to improper brushing, infrequent visits to the dental professional, or other factors — the gums can become infected. Eventually, the disease can break down the tiny fibers and bone that connect your teeth to your jaw. In the past, the only therapy for periodontal disease was to try to stop the disease from progressing, and hope it was not too late to save your teeth.



## **Now There are Alternatives for Saving Your Natural Teeth!**

The first thing most people notice about others is their smile. That's why proper dental care is so important. But even if you do everything right, you can still develop periodontal disease — the primary reason for adult tooth loss.

Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy is a proven dental therapy that may give your teeth a second chance. GORE Regenerative Membranes take advantage of the body's own ability to heal itself and regenerate the tissues lost through periodontal disease. Using a GORE Regenerative Membrane, your dental professional may be able to save your teeth — and preserve your natural smile.

## **Guided Tissue Regeneration Therapy**

### **A Breakthrough in Dental Care**

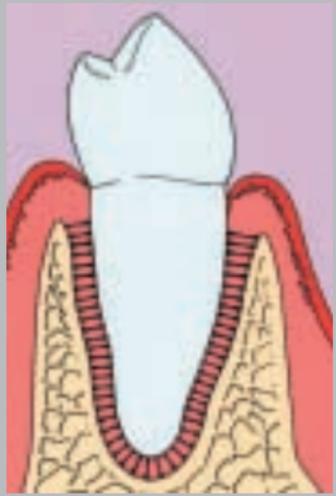
GORE Regenerative Membranes are proven solutions to periodontal disease. They are specifically designed to help preserve your natural teeth through Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy.

During Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy, a GORE Regenerative Membrane is surgically placed around your tooth and forms a protective barrier, which allows your body to regenerate new, healthy tissues. It takes approximately 6 to 10 weeks for the body to heal itself and the attachments holding your tooth in place to grow back.

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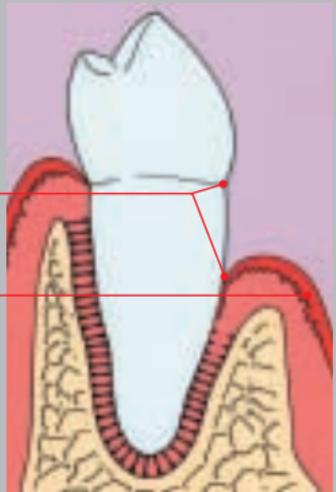
➤ **Normal Tooth**



➤ **Diseased Tooth**

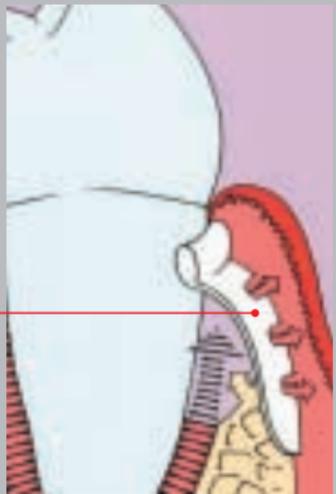
Breakdown of attachment

Receding gum

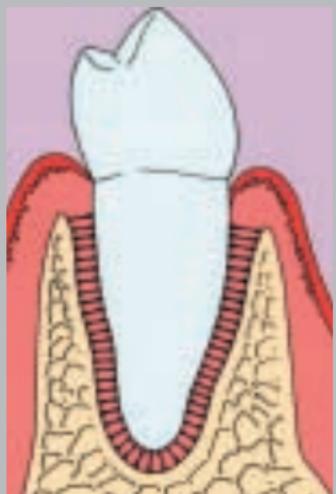


➤ **Regenerative Therapy Using GORE Regenerative Membrane**

Membrane



➤ **Result After Regenerative Therapy**



## You and Your Dental Professional

Your dental professional can tell you whether you are a candidate who can benefit from this procedure. The specific tooth involved and the extent of periodontal disease will affect the results you can expect with this or any alternative treatment.

If you are a candidate for Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy and choose to undergo this procedure, your dental professional can advise you about many factors. Because each person heals differently, you should discuss any special considerations in your case. You should also discuss how to keep the area clean while a GORE Regenerative Membrane is in place, as well as the best way to care for your teeth once the therapy is completed.

It is important that you share your questions and concerns with your dental professional, so you can make an informed decision when choosing this or any other surgical procedure. It is also important that you understand the full consequences of losing a tooth that may be saved by Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy. Often the loss of one tooth sets off a cascade of events that becomes very difficult to reverse.

When a GORE Regenerative Membrane and Guided Tissue Regeneration therapy are an option for you, it can provide the critical solution to help you preserve your natural teeth. The choice is yours!



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