



Anthem Dental & Implants

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Root Planing and Scaling/Curettage

Pre-operative instructions: root planing, scaling and curettage are minor surgical treatments performed under local anesthesia by your dentist or hygienist. Root planing involves deep scaling below the gumline to remove a heavy calculus (tarter) deposit. Calculus (tarter) can cause periodontal problems, or pyorrhea of the gingival tissues and bone tissues. Curettage involves the surface removal of diseased gingival cells or a periodontal pocket or deep area around the tooth.

The objective of root planing and curettage is reduction or elimination of inflammation, and reduction or eradication of gingival or periodontal pockets. The patient's meticulous hygiene care is extremely important, to aid in healing and further prevent gingival problems. The regular use of an electric toothbrush will make the root planing and curettage procedure more successful and heal much quicker.