



PHOTO: Dr. Preety Desai caring for her patient. | RIGHT: Over 19 years of dedicated experience.

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DR. PREETY DESAI

LASER IMPLANT PERIODONTAL SPECIALIST

THE DESIRE TO PERFECT YOUR PEARLY WHITES IS A NOTION THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WISH TO ATTAIN, BOTH FOR APPEARANCE AND OVER-ALL GOOD HEALTH.

However, the less conscious thought to protect remaining natural teeth and increase chewing faculties is something a periodontist specializes in, as well as the overall diagnosis and treatment of the supporting structures of the teeth, that is, bone and gums.

Kamloops' Dr. Preeti Desai is a certified specialist in periodontics with a Masters in laser dentistry. With over 5,000 implants placed and 19 years of specialty experience, it's no surprise she was the first periodontist in Canada to introduce the erbium laser into everyday specialty practice. Not to mention, she's the only periodontist in North America acquiring a Masters of Science degree in laser dentistry.

Discovering her aptitude for the field was mostly an organic process. She always excelled in science but also harboured a love for graphic and visual arts, which had her torn between career goals. "I discovered that dentistry provided a perfect balance of art and science and therefore satisfied both of my personal interests," reveals Dr. Desai.

"Periodontics is a true balance of art and science in dentistry," she says. "The detail, finesse and precision to which our surgical procedures are executed make us the plastic surgeons of the mouth."

Laser technology has completely changed the methods of delivery of all facets of dentistry and the periodontal

specialty is no different. Benefits of using lasers in periodontics results in improved esthetics, faster healing and longevity of surgical results in: gingival grafting, flap surgery, osseous surgery, crown lengthening, extractions, bone grafting, sinus lifts, placement of implants and treatment of peri-implantitis.

According to Dr. Desai and her colleagues, the biggest challenge is trying to educate the public, but also the dentists, to recognize, diagnose and refer a patient in need sooner rather than later when things are not painful.

"We periodontists have the skill, graduate education and experience to help people save and maintain their teeth rather than dealing with things too late when the teeth cannot be salvaged and thus extraction and implants are the only options," explains Dr. Desai.

Dr. Desai outlines the advantages of dental laser technology, the cornerstone of progressive medical procedures that have been adapted and indispensable in dentistry.

"The transference of laser technology required dentistry to design a different machine, a true dental laser. This technology elevates periodontics and our surgical skills to the next level. Laser surgery is less invasive, less painful, less need for traditional cutting and stitching, less bleeding, and of course, it produces better results in executing the same procedures we traditionally practice."

Dr. Desai and her experienced staff have the respect of the community (nominated for the Best Green Business) and are committed to working together with you and your dentist and hygienist to provide excellence in the latest techniques and exceed your expectations. "We believe in educating our patient's so they're able to make the best, informed decision about their treatment."



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