



## soft tissue treatment for gum recession

enhance your smile while  
minimizing tooth sensitivity

## gum recession

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Healthy gum tissue protects your teeth from periodontal disease and sensitivity while giving you a great smile. Routine dental check-ups along with proper brushing are essential for maintaining healthy gums; however some patients may require treatment.

Gum recession is sometimes treated by retrieving soft tissue from the roof (palate) of your mouth. However, removing a section of your palate creates unnecessary pain and discomfort.



receding gums

## AlloDerm<sup>®</sup> Regenerative Tissue Matrix (RTM)

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AlloDerm<sup>®</sup> RTM allows your clinician to restore your smile without retrieving tissue from the palate. AlloDerm<sup>®</sup> RTM can provide a natural esthetic outcome and an excellent alternative to using your own tissue.<sup>1</sup>

## why treat gum recession

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Aggressive tooth brushing and periodontal disease are two primary causes for recession; which can lead to the following:

- unattractive smile
- root sensitivity
- loss of supporting bone
- tooth decay
- plaque build-up<sup>2</sup>
- risk of future recession<sup>2</sup>



gum recession leads to complications beyond esthetics



natural gum line restored

## what is AlloDerm® RTM

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AlloDerm® RTM is donated tissue that has been processed to remove cells creating a regenerative tissue matrix. Its success in soft tissue treatments is documented by more than 10 years of dental applications and research.



## potential benefits of AlloDerm® RTM

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Thousands of clinicians and patients have made AlloDerm® RTM their choice for gum recession due to the following advantages:

- excellent safety profile and predictable alternative to your own tissue<sup>1</sup>
- offers natural esthetic outcome<sup>1</sup>
- avoids pain and potential complications associated with removing palatal tissue<sup>3</sup>

## before

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## AlloDerm® RTM safety

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AlloDerm® RTM is widely used in the medical and dental fields for plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Since its introduction in 1994, over one million AlloDerm® RTM grafts have been successfully placed in various applications.

Donor tissue is extensively screened and tested and then undergoes proprietary processing to ensure that AlloDerm® RTM is ready for use in patients.

## what to expect

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Site may be covered with a dressing material. Recovery instructions can vary for each patient and will be provided by your dental specialist. Instructions may include but are not limited to:

- limit tooth brushing near site
- avoid chewing near site
- take medications as prescribed:
  - antibiotics
  - pain medication
  - mouth rinse

## after

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## are you a candidate

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Discuss your full medical history with your dental specialist. Patient results may vary. Only a trained clinician can determine the best treatment plan. Please ask your clinician to explain the benefits and risks to see if AlloDerm® RTM is right for you.



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