

The College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba's Practice Guidelines on the Use of Lasers



In 2009, the CDHM established a position statement regarding the use of lasers for periodontal treatment (first published in CDHM Connections Newsletter June 2009, Page 9).

The College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Manitoba does **not** allow the use of lasers for periodontal treatment. The rationale for this decision is based on both legislation issues and insufficient research. There has not been any advancement in laser-supported periodontal therapy research that would advocate using the diode laser to replace and/or complement traditional scaling and root planning periodontal treatment methods. Currently there are not enough long-term studies to indicate that laser therapy is effective for the CDHM to revise the Laser Policy Position Statement.

The Canadian Academy of Periodontology (CAP) and American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) **do not** recommend or support the use of lasers in the treatment of periodontal disease.

Please refer to the links below for a more detailed explanation of the CDHM's Laser Policy Position Statement as well as information from the American Academy of Periodontology and the Canadian Dental Association.

CDHM Connections Newsletter June 2009 Pg. 9:
http://cdhm.info/about/newsletter_pdfs/CDHM_Connections_Issue1.pdf

American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) statement on lasers in the treatment of periodontal disease:
<http://www.perio.org/resources-products/pdf/laser-efficacy-statement.pdf>
<http://www.perio.org/resources-products/pdf/lr-lasers.pdf>

Canadian Dental Association (CDA) article on the use of lasers in periodontal therapy:
<http://www.cda-adc.ca/icda/vol-76/issue-2/10702.pdf>