

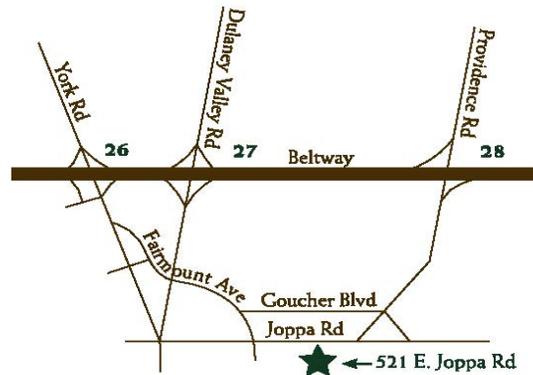
## The Towson Center for Dental Implants and Periodontics

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Your doctor recommends The Towson Center for Implants and Periodontics because they know your overall health will be improved by specialized dental care. The periodontists of TCDIP provide many different types of non-surgical and surgical procedures, including the most current implant techniques to meet the periodontal needs of our patients.

Our state-of-the-art LANAP® PeriLase Laser allows us to eliminate diseased gum tissue without sutures and jumpstart the healing process.

With prompt treatment, proper care and regular dental visits, the majority of patients can retain their teeth for a lifetime. Visit us online or call 410-321-9477 to schedule a consultation today.



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## Your Wellness & Periodontal Disease

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What You Need to Know Now

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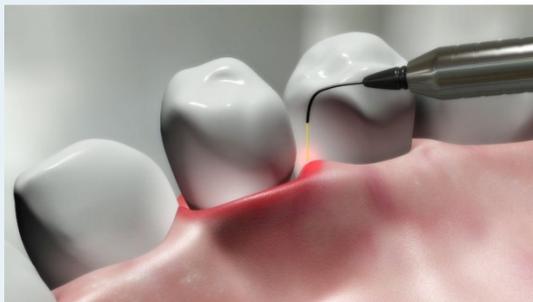


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every step of the way*

## What is Periodontal Disease?

Periodontal disease is an inflammatory response to a bacterial infection that, if left untreated, may cause damage to the tissues and bone surrounding the teeth and may even lead to tooth loss. People with conditions such as **diabetes** or **cardiovascular disease** are three to four times more likely to develop periodontal disease, which, like any other infection, can impair the ability to process and/or utilize insulin. Patients with **Alzheimer's and dementia** sometimes forget to brush and floss daily, increasing the risk of developing gum disease.

Tooth loss can make chewing and digesting food difficult. This is why many people resort to dentures and partials, but tooth-replacements are not as useful or durable as real, natural teeth.



## Advances in nearly pain-free treatment

The American Academy of Periodontology says at least half of people over age 55 have some form of periodontal disease, and almost one out of four people over 65 have lost all their teeth.

In the past, treatment for periodontal (gum) disease meant potentially painful surgery and a long recovery period.

The Towson Center for Dental Implants and Periodontics emphasizes treatment that is fast, and with little to no pain. We offer laser therapy for qualified patients. Our advanced LANAP laser treats only diseased gum tissue. With it, there no need to cut the gums, no need to suture them close, and no need to stop taking prescribed medications!

*Loosing teeth isn't a natural part of aging.  
More and more adults are keeping their teeth.  
You can too.*

## Questions your periodontist may ask

Be sure to know the answers to the following questions that your periodontist may ask at your next visit:

- Do you have diabetes, if so, what type?
- Do you have cardiovascular disease?
- Do you take any medications? *Many medications prescribed for serious health conditions have a negative impact on your mouth. For example, dry mouth may lead to cavities and bad breath.*
- Do you have cognitive issues?
- Do you have any replacement joints?
- Are you living at home or in a senior community?
- What is the name, address and phone number of your primary care doctor and any specialists?

