



# Firm Foundations, New Beginnings

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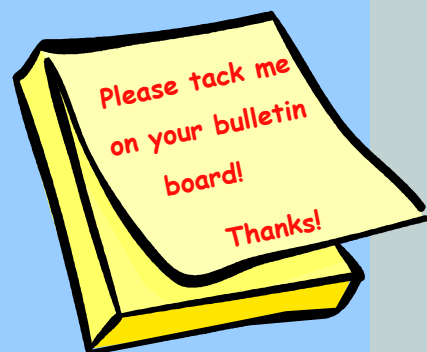
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Headline: PLASTIC SURGERY MEETS GUM RECESSION - NEW TECHNIQUES

Borrowing principles from plastic surgeons, periodontists have learned that less is more when it comes to esthetic success and root coverage procedures. It all comes down to blood supply - and more specifically, blood supply to the papilla. As you well know, loss of the papilla following a surgical procedure is the most unfortunate consequence to a beautiful smile.

A relatively new technique called "Tunneling" is the key to preserving the papilla. Tunneling results in faster healing and more predictable results by preserving blood supply. This innovative approach can be used for root coverage with both connective tissue grafts and Alloderm (donor graft substitute tissue).

Dr. Gould has applied this tunneling technique for over five years with remarkable results, using both connective tissue and alloderm (see below).



### The Team Times

Headline: DOES YOUR PATIENT NEED A GINGIVAL GRAFT? - DIAGNOSIS MADE EASY.

Dr. Gould has developed a simple acronym that can help you to confidently determine your patients' need for a **G.R.A.F.T.**

**G - Gingiva** - How much attached gingiva is present?

**R - Recession** - How much recession is present?

**A - Age** - What is the age of the patient?

**F - Frenum** - Is a frenum present?

**T - Tooth position** - What is the tooth position?

If you are interested in a "Lunch & Learn" (with one hour of AHEC certified CE credit) in your office please contact us at 910-686-4644. Lunch will be provided and the presentation will last approx. 30 minutes. This short presentation will cover tunneling techniques using Alloderm and connective tissue, and the **G.R.A.F.T.** acronym to help you determine your patients grafting needs with confidence.



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