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Headline: Gingival Recession - When to use Alloderm®, Connective Tissue, or both?

When treating gingival recession defects, both Alloderm® and Connective Tissue can provide a stable,



functional, and cosmetic result. So, how do we decide which one is best in a given situation?

In the example above teeth #6 - 14 were grafted by Dr. Gould using Alloderm® on one side and Connective Tissue on the other - but why? The answer is in the **amount of keratinized gingiva present prior to grafting** and the **number of adjacent teeth to be treated**.

If adequate gingiva remains on the tooth to be treated (>2 mm), Alloderm is the preferred option. If minimal gingiva remains (< 2mm), Connective Tissue is the only way to provide a stable, long term re-



sult. In the example below, Connective Tissue was chosen to graft #3 and #6, while Alloderm was chosen for #8 - 14 **based on the amount of gingiva present prior to grafting**.

All recession cases treated by Dr. Gould over the past 8 years have been performed using a **flapless technique called "Tunneling"**. **Tunneling** is an innovative surgical approach which is completed without ever raising a flap and thereby preserving blood supply to the papilla. This ensures an ideal esthetic result and faster healing times. If you are interested in observing a surgery or learning more about gingival grafting we would be honored to have you as our guest - please call us at 910-686-4644.

Our exam fee is \$96 and we are happy to handle **all** insurance matters for your patients to ensure their maximum, timely reimbursement. Our fee for Alloderm is \$1195 and our fee for Connective Tissue grafting is \$1140. We offer both oral and IV sedation for your patients comfort. The fee for IV sedation is \$340 and **we do not up-charge for additional time**. Oral sedation is often sufficient and there is **no fee for oral sedation**.



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