

# Scaling and Root Planning/Arestin Placement

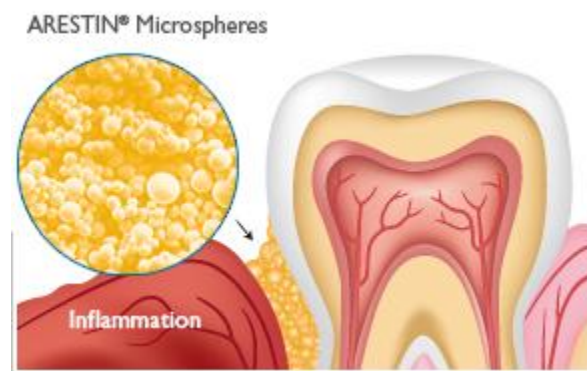
If Plaque and tartar are left on your teeth, it provides the right conditions for bacteria to thrive. The bacteria irritate the gums, which can cause them to bleed more easily. This is the early stage of gum disease called gingivitis. If you have gingivitis, your dentist or hygienist will clean your teeth by scaling and root planning. Arestin may be placed in deep pockets 5-9mm to restore the attachment of gum tissue to your tooth. This also arrests the infection that is present under the gums in your bone.

## **ARESTIN® with SRP is more effective than SRP alone**

Your dentist places ARESTIN® in the pockets above and below your gumline. This may happen at the time of SRP or at a follow-up visit. You may also receive ARESTIN® during routine periodontal maintenance.

## **ARESTIN® is different from antibiotic pills**

ARESTIN® is different from an antibiotic you take as a pill. ARESTIN® is placed right where you need it, delivering the antibiotic directly to your gums.



## **Microspheres release antibiotics over time**

ARESTIN® contains microspheres—tiny particles—that are smaller than grains of sand and are not visible to the eye. The microspheres are filled with the antibiotic minocycline hydrochloride. These microspheres release the antibiotic over time, killing bacteria so your gums can heal better than with SRP alone.



## **What to expect as your gums heal**

After treatment with ARESTIN® and SRP, there are a few things you need to know and with proper dental hygiene, it's possible to avoid future problems with your gums.