

Atridox

How is Atridox used?

As part of our therapy for periodontal disease, we have an effective treatment called Atridox.



Periodontal disease



Preventing periodontal disease



Inserting gel into the pocket

Atridox is an antimicrobial gel that contains the antibiotic, doxycycline hyclate. We apply Atridox directly to the infected spaces between your teeth and gums. It then flows deeply into the periodontal pocket and hardens to a wax-like substance.

As it disintegrates, it releases the antibiotic over a seven-day period. During this time, the antibiotic attacks the bacteria that are causing your periodontal infection, dramatically reducing their numbers.

Atridox and your periodontal therapy

In certain conditions, Atridox may not be the right treatment for you. The active ingredient in Atridox is in the tetracycline class of drugs, so we will not use it for patients who are allergic to tetracycline, pregnant or nursing, or under the age of eight.

Scaling and root planing treatment may not be necessary with each application of Atridox, but we still use these treatments as needed to keep your periodontal disease under control.

You should be aware that Atridox is not a cure for periodontal disease, and once bone loss has occurred, no medication will bring it back. For periodontal therapy to be successful, you still need to be very thorough with your daily oral hygiene and come see us regularly for exams.

Atridox is an effective additional method for helping eliminate bacterial infection and preventing further destruction of bone and connective tissue.