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Free Gingival Graft



Recession of gingiva and lack of keratinized gingiva are indications for grafting. In the case highlighted below, a gingival graft harvested from the palate was recommended. It was felt that the predictability of a connective tissue or allograft procedure was less than a keratinized gingival graft. Also due to the fact that this is not a high esthetic demand area, the free-gingival graft was used. As can be seen there is a color discrepancy with the donor graft being less vascularized than surrounding tissues however it is firmly integrated and increased the amount of keratinized tissues thus stabilizing the area. When recession is diagnosed we can help institute a surgical plan that will optimize the long term prognosis of the teeth involved.



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