

Arestin
(minocycline HCL 1 mg)

Periodontal Disease, or gum disease, affects three out of four adults at some time in their lives. It doesn't necessarily hurt and you may not even be aware that you have it until an advanced stage.

Arestin used in conjunction with scaling and root planning is more effective at fighting periodontal disease than scaling and root planning alone. Scaling and root planning cleans the gums and therefore helps combat gum disease. However, scaling and root planning doesn't get deep into the infected site and can't kill all the bacteria which causes periodontal disease. Administered directly into the infected pocket, Arestin kills the bacteria that scaling and root planning can't reach.

Arestin (minocycline HCL 1 mg) microspheres provide dental professionals with a fast and easy way to treat periodontal disease. A potent low-dose antibiotic is placed painlessly under the gum, directly to the infected site. Arestin is administered quickly and easily. Application is comfortable and no anesthesia is needed. It does not require bandages or stitches. Arestin is bioadhesive and bioresorbable. It will not leak or fall out, or leave anything to be removed by the dentist or Hygienist in a follow-up visit.

How do I get the best results from my treatment with Arestin?

To achieve the best results, follow the instructions given by your dental professional. You'll also find these important guidelines useful:

- Avoid touching treated areas
- Wait 12 hours after your treatment before brushing teeth
- Wait 10 days before using floss, toothpicks, or other devices designed to clean between teeth in this area
- Avoid foods for 1 week that could hurt your gums
- Gum disease can recur and needs to be checked regularly. Be sure to return for your follow-up appointments.