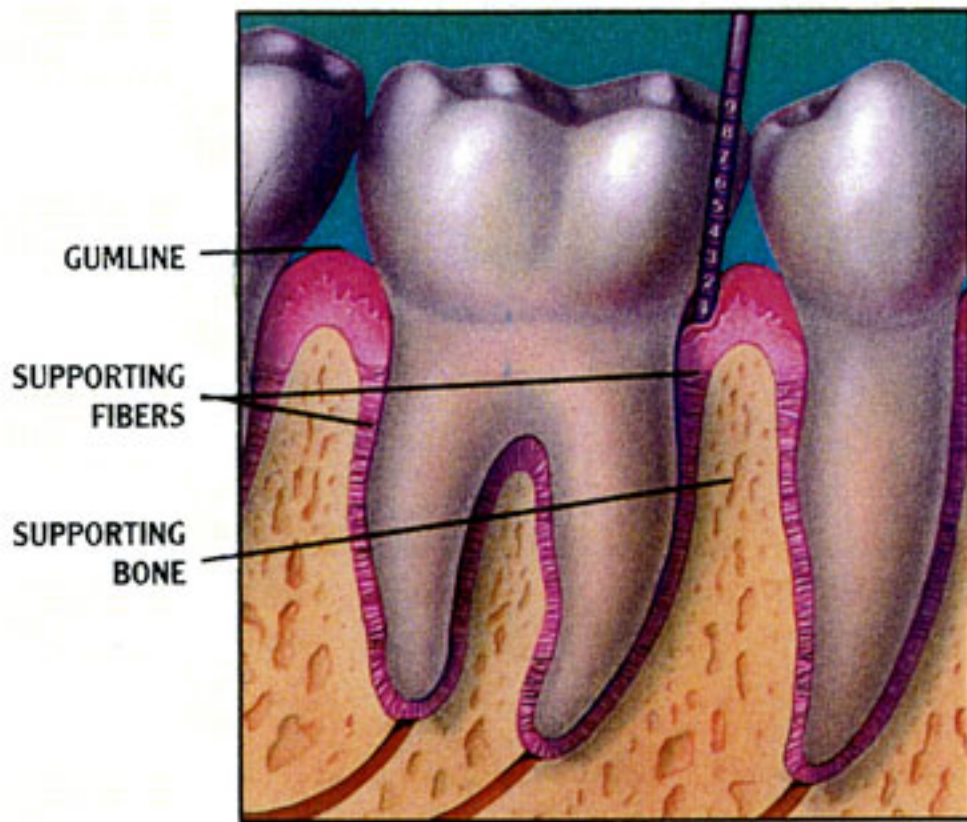
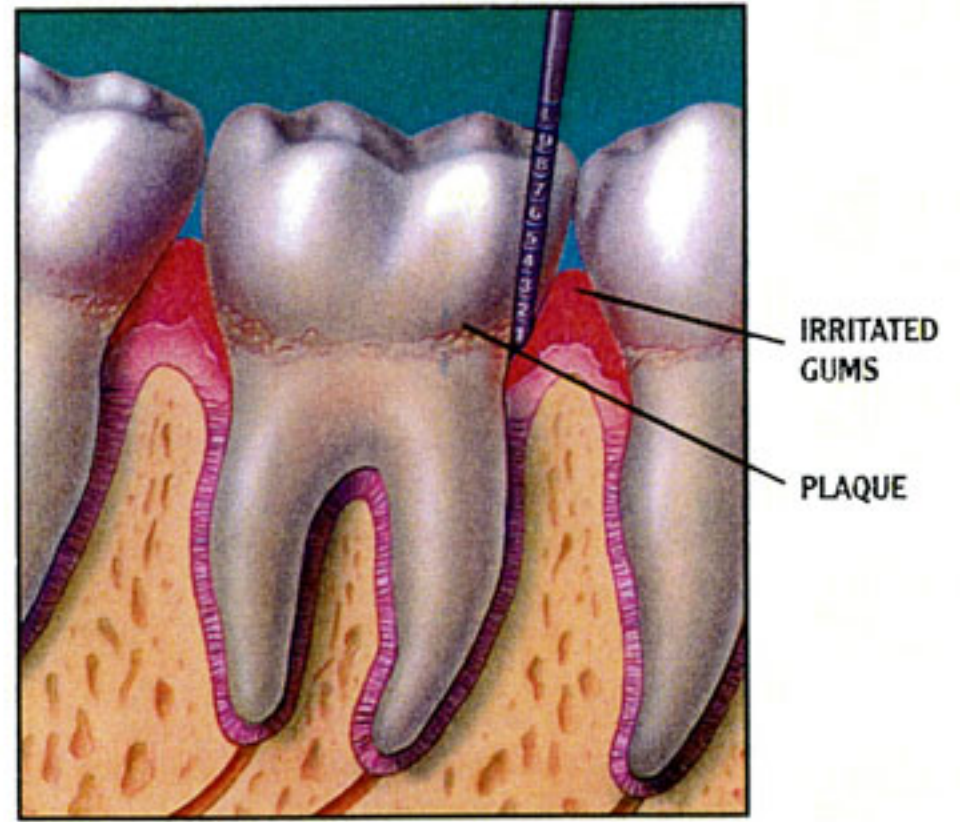


The Stages of Gum Disease



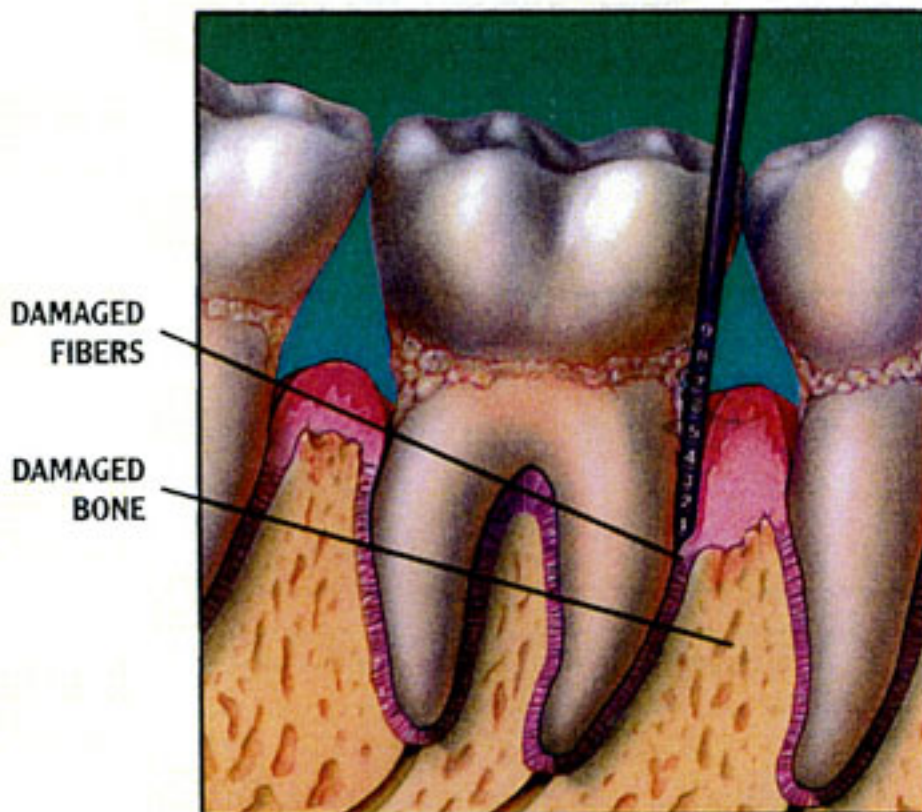
HEALTHY GUMS

- ◆ Gums are firm, coral pink in color and do not bleed easily.
- ◆ No gum recession is present.
- ◆ Teeth are held firmly in place with no damage to supporting bone structure.



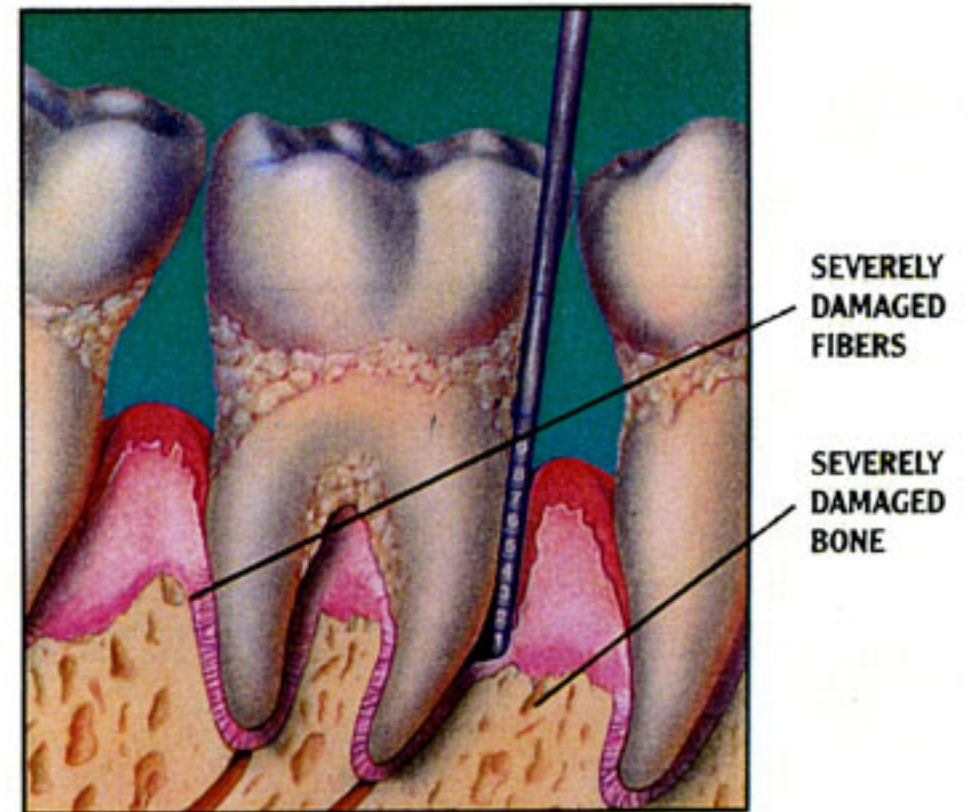
GINGIVITIS

- ◆ Gums appear red and swollen.
- ◆ Bleeding may occur when gums are touched.
- ◆ Teeth are still firmly in place with no damage to supporting bone structure.



PERIODONTITIS

- ◆ Loss of gum/tooth attachment occurs.
- ◆ Pockets form between teeth and gums.
- ◆ Tissue that binds teeth to bone is inflamed.
- ◆ Bone loss occurs.



ADVANCED PERIODONTITIS

- ◆ Gums recede dramatically from teeth.
- ◆ Pockets deepen severely and may hold pus.
- ◆ Teeth become extremely loose and may fall out or need to be extracted.
- ◆ Severe bone loss occurs.