

Miami Periodontists Now Offering Ability to Determine Risk for Periodontal Disease through DNA Testing

Salivary DNA testing at Gallardo & Lamas Periodontics and Implant Dentistry can identify patients with or at risk for serious periodontal disease.

MIAMI, FLA ([PRWEB](#)) June 23, 2016 -- Gallardo & Lamas Periodontics and Implant Dentistry bring their patients DNA testing for early detection of periodontal disease in their Miami dental office. Known as the 'silent epidemic', untreated periodontal disease can be linked to serious health conditions. John Paul Gallardo, D.D.S., P.A. and William P. Lamas D.M.D., M.S. are widely considered leaders in the field of implant dentistry and periodontics and are excited to offer their patients oral DNA testing.

An oral DNA sample has the ability to detect over 11 different strains of dangerous bacteria that can dwell in the mouth. Each of these bacterium has been identified as causative trigger for periodontal disease, gum infections and gingivitis. Patients without any symptoms of gum disease may find they are at risk for serious infections when these bacterium are present.

"In 20 years of practicing as a dentist, I have never felt so confident about prescribing a specific or combination of antibiotics to target exact disease causing organisms," said Dr. Gallardo.

The painless, noninvasive oral DNA test can provide extensive information on the mouth's health. DNA STRIP technology from Hain Lifescience provides a high sensitivity result and maximum specificity for existing bacterium. During the exam, saliva is collected on the specialized strip, which is then sent in for analysis. A full, written report will be ready for review in seven to ten days.

The oral DNA test is recommended for those who have a high risk for gum disease, such as parents or siblings with the disease, as well as for anyone who wants to know if they are at risk for periodontal disease to develop. Patients with gingivitis or early signs of gum disease can also benefit by determining if the bacterium that can cause serious periodontal infections is present.

Left untreated, periodontal disease will do more than damage the teeth and gums. The aggressive bacterium can release toxins within the body, causing significant issues with the overall health. Late stage periodontal disease has been shown to cause heart disease and strokes.

Dr. Gallardo and Dr. Lamas are proponents for proactive dental care for early detection and treatment of gum disease and periodontal disease, as well as other issues like oral cancer. Dr. Gallardo explains, "Your oral health is invaluable. While quick fixes for periodontist disease may seem like a good option, it is a better idea to research treatment options and discuss them with an experienced periodontist first." He continues, "The discussion has the possibility of saving you time, money, pain, and potentially losing your teeth in the long-run."

For more than 25 years, Dr. Gallardo and Dr. Lamas have been providing patients in southern Florida with the most innovative dental treatments available. They offer sedation dentistry to eliminate the stress and fear of pain that accompanies most procedures, [periodontal disease treatments](#), [dental implants](#), and [oral surgery](#). Dr. Gallardo and Dr. Lamas have created a serene environment where patients can receive top-notch, specialized periodontal care.

To get more information on the benefits of DNA testing in the fight against periodontal disease, contact Gallardo & Lamas Periodontics and Implant Dentistry at 305.447.1447. An [online contact form](#) is also available and new patients receive a complimentary consultation during their first visit.

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