# A:NO ONE WANTS **SURGERY!**

"I never thought it was so easy!"

But when surgery is required, conventional treatments, utilizing a scalpel and stitches can cause a great degree of discomfort.

EPIC laser treatments provide patients with greater comfort, less bleeding, faster healing and better clinical results<sup>1</sup> than conventional treatments.

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The EPIC laser was developed by BIOLASE, Inc., the world leader in dental lasers.

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# <sup>0:</sup>WHY **EPIC** LASER TREAT-**MENT?**

Doctors have used lasers for years to provide better care for their patients - like LASIK vision correction laser treatment. Now, we can offer the benefits of advanced laser technology for your dental care with the EPIC<sup>™</sup> laser. 

## **"HOW DOES THE EPIC LASER TREATMENT** WORK-IS IT SAFE? The EPIC laser system emits light that precisely interacts with the areas to be treated in a low dose and safe manner. It can also provide temporary relief of pain by delivering therapeutic heat. Easy. Fast. Safe. Your dentist or hygienist will provide required laser protective eyewear

## WHAT LASER TREATMENTS CAN THE EPIC LASER DO?

#### Treat Cum Disease

Bleeding gums and gum recession are common signs of gingivitis and gum disease, caused by the presence of bacteria and inflammation inside the gums. The EPIC laser gum treatment is a relatively painless procedure that removes inflamed areas and infected tissue from inside the gums. Improved healing of the gum tissue follows after treatment along with proper oral care.

#### **Improve** Your "Gummy" Smile

With EPIC, it is possible to improve the appearance of your smile by shaping the gums, known as laser soft tissue gingval contouring<sup>2</sup>. The laser safely removes excess gum tissue that may give you a "gummy" smile, or makes your front teeth appear irregular in size or shape.

#### Remove Oral Growths

The EPIC laser system may be used to remove small "tags" called papillomas and growths called fibromas, that result from cheek or tongue traumatic bite.

### Fix "Tongue Tie" or Prevent Gum Recession

Tissue connections that restrict the movement of your tongue affecting your speech or cause gum recession can be "released" with the EPIC laser<sup>1</sup>. Patients who choose EPIC will also experience less bleeding and a lack of need for anesthetic or sutures in many cases<sup>1</sup>

### **Relieve the Pain** of Cold Sores

& Canker Sores The EPIC laser is able to treat as well as decrease the amount of healing time<sup>3</sup> for embarrassing and annoying sores.

After Procedure	Post-operative medication and stitches usually are required.
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CONVENTIONAL

TREATMENT

SCALPELS + SUTURES

Local anesthetic

with needle and

shot is required

to prevent

pain. Bleeding

is common

discomfort are

often experienced.

VS

pain and need for prescription pain medication. Most cases, no stitches required. Recovery time is shortened,

Minimal or reduced

discomfort

is experienced.

EPIC LASER

TREATMENT

Many procedures

only require

topical anesthetic

Bleeding is

reduced

or lessened.

Reduces

post-operative

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