

# Rosenfeld & Mandelaris Ltd

*Board Certified Periodontists  
Cosmetic & Reconstructive Periodontics  
Dental Implants*

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## Health-Centered Periodontics

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Recent advances in health and wellness are staggering. Fortunately we are professionals and can rely on our years of training, when choosing the treatment modalities we will offer to our patients. This is why our patients trust us. Our refusal to abuse this trust is what continues to make Dentistry a great profession.

If something seems too good to be true, chances are it's too good to be true. This applies to "The Newest Treatment for Periodontal Disease - Perio Protect™".

Perio Protect® is a custom-fit tray made by a specialized dental laboratory from impressions of the patient's mouth taken by a dentist. The tray is part of a system for treating periodontal disease that is based on delivery of medicaments, marketed by Perio Protect LLC. The company certifies dental practices in the Perio Protect Method™ through training on application of the method. This includes information on prescription for tray manufacturing; recommended medicament to be used with tray, treatment schedule, and protocol. The company also provides patient education materials, marketing support, and information on insurance filing.

According to Perio Protect LLC, certified Perio Protect dentists can expect multiple benefits for their patients, hygienists, and their practices including: Patients - cleaner teeth so extremely compliant, hygienists - complex cleaning becomes simple cleaning, saving time, dentist - no new equipment or staff needed, delegate 90% of treatment system to office staff, saving time and money, a new source of recurring revenue and a way of treating periodontal patients.

According to Perio Protect LLC, their system uses a "FDA-cleared medical device that directs antimicrobial agents of the doctor's choice into the gingival sulcus and helps maintain it at the source of the gum infections". These medications: "may be delivered to the source of the infection", aid in reducing the bacteria, help to decrease the host inflammation when reducing the bacteria, help promote healing, decrease the bacteria which may help improve bad breath, have been reported in professional journals to modify the plaque and biofilm, are bleaching agents and may whiten the teeth, may "provide long-lasting results and reduce the need for surgery".

### Sounds Great: What's the Catch?

**No evidence** has been published, in peer reviewed literature, supporting Perio Protect LLC's claims.

Using this product has:

- Not been shown to direct antimicrobial agents subgingivally
- Not been shown to cure periodontal disease
- Not been shown to reduce need for surgery
- Not been shown to cause bone regeneration
- Not shown that daily, never ending use of their medicaments is safe let alone effective.

**Use of their product**, a disposable fluoride tray filled with a peroxy/doxycycline based formulary may:

- Reduce supragingival bleeding, but so does tooth brushing
- Whiten teeth but so do products cleared for this purpose by the FDA
- Provide a short term new source of revenue to your office

We are concerned about the promotional claims for the efficacy, safety of this product and the misleading information marketed by Perio Protect LLC, to you and your patients. Drs. Rosenfeld and Mandelaris are providing this message as a service to help you make informed recommendations.

The entrepreneurial spirit may be the soul of the American Heart. But, science and research keep the heart alive!