MUCOGINGIVAL SURGERY -A REVIEW

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Periodoniles during the period of study at S.D.M. College of Denial Sciences and

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The health, function and survival of teeth necessarily depends upon the healthy periodontal apparatus.

Periodontal apparatus consists of investing and supporting tissues of the teeth which include; cementum, Periodontal ligament, Alveolar bone and Gingiva.

Functional and morphologic abnormalities of any of these tissues could pose various hazards to the proper functioning of teeth.

The junction between attached gingiva and alveolar mucosa is called as mucogingival line and is usually situated 3mm apical to crest of alveolar bone on radicular surface and 5mm apical to alveolar crest in interdental areas.

If the band of attached gingiva, that is the gingiva present between the labial surface of the base of the sulcus to the mucogingival line is wide enough, will prevent any retraction of marginal gingiva, during the movement of alveolar mucosa. Also attached gingiva will serve as a buffer for the gingival margin against the pull of skeletal muscles, located within the alveolar mucosa.

Attached gingiva may be defective either qualitatively or quantitatively. Several authors have given their opinion for the