



OFFICE POLICY

Our Approach to Dentistry

Welcome to our practice. Preventive dentistry is our goal for every patient. It involves the daily care, good nutrition, periodic check-ups and cleanings that maintain good dental health. Preventative dentistry may not be where we start with every patient, but it is where we like to finish. Restorative dentistry is basic repair of the mouth. We replace broke or leaky fillings, build crowns and bridges, and fit partials. We aggressively treat gum disease and can perform most root canal therapy. Cosmetic dentistry is coming of age with new materials and procedures that can make a smile beautiful. For those considering cosmetic treatment we can fill in the gaps, chips, and restore the less than a perfect smile.

Infection Control

Our office is keenly aware that HIV, Hepatitis B, Influenza, Tuberculosis, and many other pathogenic (disease producing) bacteria are communicable. With the invasion of the HIV virus, we double out efforts to achieve the most sterile dental environment possible. Our aim is to find the best that technology has to offer to keep the practice safe for our patients and our staff. We meet and exceed the infection control standards of the American Dental Association and Centers for Disease Control. Our rigid protocols are familiar: masks, gloves and eye protection. But other safeguards are more subtle. We use the best methods to sterilize our instruments and use as many disposable items as possible to diminish the chance of cross-contamination. Staff members are meticulous in the disinfection of furniture, trays, and counters between every patient. Our patients deserve the highest standards possible and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Composite Resin Fillings

Composite resins are our restoration material of choice for several reasons. Their cosmetic properties are unsurpassed and their marginal adaptation where enamel and resin meet is excellent. This type of filling fits extremely well. By building up the material in layers, and curing as we go, the filling actually strengthens the tooth structure, whereas, amalgam (silver) fillings can weaken the tooth over time. Placement of composite fillings require removal of less tooth structure than silver fillings. In many cases, they can be placed without anesthesia.

Emergency Care:

At Caring Dental, we know that dental emergencies often happen after practices are closed. That's why we have a dentist on call seven days a week to handle after-hour dental emergencies for our patients.

Fluoride Treatment:

It is our office policy to give all patients fluoride treatment after routine cleaning appointments. With the increased usage of bottled water, which does not contain fluoride, we are attempting to supplement the only daily fluoride many patients are getting using conventional toothpaste. Depending on your insurance coverage, there may be a fee up to \$29.00. If you agree to have fluoride at your routine cleaning appointments please initial here _____.

Signature of patient or parent/legal guardian/legally responsible person

Date

Description of relationship to patient