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Need a Speaker?

Dr. Silvers III has developed a presentation to inform your club or organization of some of the latest exciting advances in dentistry.

Do you know how teeth can be filled without drilling? Are silver fillings safe? What metal is in silver fillings that concerns many patients? Can teeth safely be whitened? What causes the dark gum or margin around some crowns?

Dr. Silvers also has a presentation on halitosis. Learn the three tests to confirm a diagnosis of bad breath. What can be rubbed on your feet to give you bad breath? What are the two most common areas in your mouth that contribute to bad breath?. Have you ever had bad breath or known someone whom you avoided because of halitosis? It has been estimated that sixty five percent of Americans have had bad breath. Over 40 million Americans have bad breath that never quite goes away. More than a billion dollars a year is spent on over the counter halitosis products that often merely mask bad breath odors and never treat the cause.

Digital Radiography

Digital radiography is a new method of taking "x-rays". It will reduce your exposure from x-rays by 90 per cent.

Instead of placing dental film in your mouth, we will place a sensor that captures the image and sends it to the computer. The radiograph will be developed in matter of seconds. It will appear on a computer screen almost instantaneously. This will save you time when you need procedures that require x-rays. such as emergencies, root canals and implants.

Since the radiograph or picture will be digitized, we will be able to zoom in on any areas of concern and magnify them so that we can better diagnose any problems.

The radiographs will eventually be stored in our computer system along with any pictures that we have currently taken of your mouth with our introral camera. This will allow us to correlate to images and to compare any changes that take place in the future.

All of Our Best Patients are referred by our Best Patients. We'd be pleased to treat your friends.

Gum Disease and Heart Disease

Gum disease has been associated with coronary disease. Most of us know that the American Heart Association has recommended that patients who have had heart valve problems be premedicated with an antibiotic before they visit a dentist for treatment.

Dr. Walter Loesche has conducted research at the University of Michigan on the connection between periodontal disease and heart disease. He has concluded that periodontal disease is definitely a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. A study done in 1989 in Finland has also linked heart disease to gum disease.

Gum disease can be controlled with a good home care program and professional cleanings. It is extremely important to diagnose and treat gum disease as early as possible. We use a phase contrast microscope to detect the presence of bacteria that are associated with gum disease. By monitoring the types of bacteria and plaque, we can detect the early signs of gum disease.

Have A Happy New Year!!



White teeth for Success

Appearance today is not only a good idea but it is essential in our social contacts, and employment opportunities. You can spend a lot to look good but stained teeth can ruin the most perfect appearance.

Once it was accepted that as we age our teeth would become darker, more yellow or gray. We even made dentures with dark teeth so they would look natural. But how many hair pieces are made to look gray? It is no longer necessary for our teeth to look older than our hair.

The treatment is easy and inexpensive. For less than the cost of a crown you can have both upper and lower teeth whitened. All that is needed is an impression that allows us to make trays that you wear at night or during the days. It normally takes about 2 weeks wearing the trays while you sleep.

If your teeth are heavily stained it will take a while longer.

So call today and give yourself something to smile about and increase your face value.

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Five Ways to Protect your child's oral health at Home.

Parents typically provide oral hygiene care until the child is old enough to take personal responsibility for the daily dental health routine of brushing and flossing. A proper regimen of home preventive care is important from the day your child is born.

1. Clean your infant's gums with a clean, damp cloth. You may rub a tiny dab of tooth paste on the gums.
2. As soon as the first teeth come in begin brushing them with a small soft bristled toothbrush and a pea sized dab of fluoride toothpaste. Remember most children are also getting fluoride from the community water supply.
3. To avoid baby bottle tooth decay and teeth misalignment due to sucking, try to wean your child off of the breast and bottle by one year of age and monitor excessive sucking of pacifiers, fingers and thumbs. Never give your child a bottle of milk, juice or sweetened liquid as a pacifier at naptime or bedtime.
4. Help a young child brush at night. This is the most important time to brush, due to lower salivary flow and higher susceptibility to cavities and plaque. Perhaps let your child brush his teeth first to build self confidence, then the parent can follow up to ensure that all plaque is removed. Usually by age five or so, the child can learn to brush his or her own teeth with proper parental instruction.
5. The best way to teach a child how to brush is to lead by good example. Allowing your child to watch you brush your teeth teaches the importance of good oral hygiene.

Your child's first dental visit should be at about 2 years. You may want to have your child visit the office while you have a simple procedure such as a preventive cleaning appointment.

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and
Increase Your Face Value