



THE DAILY SMILE

Winter 2007

Welcome to your seasonal edition of ***The Daily Smile***. We wish all of our patients a happy and healthy new year. 2007 brings the 10th anniversary to Dr. Black and Dr. Blatz for their shared, caring service to the Brockton community creating ***Smiles of Champions***.

What's New?

We welcome Jill to our hygiene staff. She is sharing her knowledge from a periodontal perspective and is a great asset to our team. Also, Lianne has returned after giving birth to a beautiful baby boy!

The Massachusetts Board of Dentistry has recently started licensing dental hygienists in administering local anesthesia. What does this mean to you? It means that if you prefer to be "numb" before periodontal treatment, your dental hygienist will be able to give you a shot as well as your dentist.

Doctor's Corner

Implants are the ideal treatment for replacing a single missing tooth. They become a permanent addition to your smile. Crowns and bridges are excellent choices for replacing teeth. A crown may become needed when there is an abundant amount of silver or white filling material in the tooth and very little tooth structure to keep the tooth strong. You may have had trauma in the past, and the fading tooth color becomes something you wish to brighten. The dentist will fit a porcelain crown over the built-up root in order to retain your tooth and a healthy smile.

Killer Plaque?

Diabetes, stroke, pregnancy problems, and heart disease are all known links to periodontal disease. Now, new Harvard studies have shown that the deadly pancreatic cancer is also a serious link to periodontal disease. Men with a history of gum disease were at 64% higher risk for pancreatic cancer compared to those with a healthy mouth. It is so important today that everyone receive a periodontal evaluation in order for you to stay "whole-body" healthy. Talk to your dental hygienist or dentist now.

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Too painful to open your mouth in the cold, frigid air? How about that cool refreshing ice water after that workout? Is tooth sensitivity still preventing you from enjoying life? Talk to us, we can help. From in-office fluoride treatments to take-home desensitizing kits to OTC recommended products, your hygienist or dentist can give you relief.

Friendly Reminders

As a courtesy to the lab technician, please call ahead for all your denture repairs. Also, please turn off all cell phones upon entering the treatment areas and give the office 24 hours notice for cancellations. Thanks.

Coming in the

Spring...

How exciting!! Look for our two page ad in the Verizon Yellow Pages.