



THE DAILY SMILE

Welcome to your Summer/Fall edition of The Daily Smile. With every newsletter, MDA brings you exciting news about our office, the dental world and many health issues. Your thoughts are important to us, so feel free to offer you ideas and opinions for upcoming editions. Enjoy!

What's New?

Congratulations to Dr. John Blatz for 25 years of dedicated service to his patients at Massasoit Dental Associates.

Congratulations to Serina, our dental assistant, and her family. A little girl was born in July.

The 2nd Annual "Walk the Rock" for oral cancer awareness event will be held at Nelson Park in Plymouth on Sunday, September 21, 2008. Join our staff to raise money and awareness for oral cancer. Visit www.walktherock.net for details. There will be free oral cancer screenings, blood pressure screenings, face painting, and a raffle which will include Red Sox, Patriots and other local ticket events. See you there, rain or shine!!

Snap-On Smile Update

The **Snap-On Smile** discussed in our winter newsletter has been patented by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Created by New York dentist, Marc Leichtung, "It is a revolution not only in terms of ease and efficacy, but also it's economics". The product is made of a

crystalized material with amazing strength and durability. Developed for use in heart valve replacement and NASA aircraft cabinetry, it is nearly indestructible! Two visits to our office with Dr. Black, needle and drill free, patients will experience one of the most affordable, and now patented, answers to a complete smile restoration. Log on to our website, www.massasoitdental.com, for more information and photos.

More than Diet and Exercise

Studies show that diabetics who underwent periodontal therapy, scaling and root planing, lowered their blood sugar by at least 20 percent. This improvement of metabolic control may normalize a patient's blood sugar. Bleeding, poor healing, bone and tooth loss are some examples of serious complications due to the diabetes/periodontal disease link. Talk to your dental hygienist and dentist about how we can work together to take control of your diabetes.

Bones Beware

Research shows that patients taking a special class of drugs called bisphosphonates are at risk for osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ). Bisphosphonates, used in the treatment of osteoporosis and some forms of cancer, can be administered orally or intravenously. **Aredia**, **Boniva** (IV) and **Fosomax** (oral) are three common names of bisphosphonates. These drugs are useful for preventing bone loss throughout the body, with the exclusion of the bones in the oral cavity. Patients receiving these medicines through IV are at extreme risk of failure to heal after any dental procedure that exposes the jaw bone. Patients are encouraged to undergo preventative dental care (scaling and root planing, extraction of impacted wisdom teeth, denture sores, and restorative treatment) before beginning bisphosphonate treatments. Talk to your doctor, dentist, and/or dental hygienist for support on this matter.

Earthy Items

Natural mouth rinses, tooth soaps and floss are available at a wide variety of grocery stores within our region. **Jason Naturals**, **Natural Dentist**, **Tom's of Maine**, **Weleda**, and **Kiss My Face** are name brands to look for in the wellness food department. These products are alcohol, dye, sweetener, and preservative free. They do contain, for example, tea tree oils, green tea extracts, and peppermint oil along with vitamins C and E. They are great for patients with sensitivities, allergies or those just looking for a healthy alternative.

Energize me

Families from all over the Brockton area are experiencing more energy in their daily lives thanks to Therasnore! An appliance custom made in our dental office allws patients and their families to finally get a great night's rest without the interruption of snoring. Many thanks for all the feedback, we greatly appreciate your comments. Call for a consultation today.

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WE APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR REFERRALS***

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