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Dentists Combine Beauty and Technology

Cutting edge materials and technology have allowed cosmetic dentists to work minor miracles on outward appearances. Those same innovations have increased their ability to deal with serious dental problems, while making the dental experience far more convenient and less painful.

WHOLE AND HEALTHY SMILES

According to Dr. Fletcher Jernigan, D.D.S., dentists are now able to create a perfect smile with “instant orthodontics,” using veneers and crowns, while implants replace lost teeth without awkward bridges or dentures. In the past, the only cure for a missing tooth was an awkward bridge, which was not always applicable. If multiple teeth were damaged or lost, patients—regardless of age—were saddled with cumbersome dentures. Now dentists use implants followed by crowns to replace missing teeth. “Made of titanium, implants become an integral part of the mouth and last for decades,” explains Dr. Suzanne Rifkin, D.D.S. Dentists are even using panoramic machines that take digital x-rays to identify any defects in the teeth and jaw in preparation for procedures. It’s entirely safe, emitting only about 10 percent of the radiation of traditional X-rays.

HIGH TECH DENTAL CARE

There are different ways to design a restoration and the amount of tooth remaining dictates the type. It’s preferable to save as much of the natural tooth as possible. This is precisely what today’s high-tech tools allow. New materials, computerized milling units, and advanced lasers help preserve the tooth and replace only the diseased portion.

Dentists are currently embracing a concept called, “minimally-invasive dentistry.” Lasers, like the new WaterlaseMD™, provide dentists with the precision needed to work on much smaller areas on the teeth. Fillings done with

lasers are much smaller because old school, silver/mercury fillings had a minimum size requirement. As a result, even for a small cavity, dentists had to drill a large hole in the tooth. But laser-directed fillings don’t have to be any larger than the cavity was—a kinder, more natural approach to dental health. “It’s a great time to be a dentist,” exclaims Gurley, who is one of the exclusive .5% of dentists in the nation using the spanking new WaterlaseMD™ laser. “This laser is far more fine tuned; I can use just enough power to do precisely what is needed,” he says.

WHILE-YOU-WAIT CROWNS

Innovative Aesthetic Solutions (where the highest quality crowns, bridges, and veneers are crafted) is one of only two labs in the state of Georgia to offer inVizion restorations milled on the computerized CEREC® computerized lab system. These restorations are combined with VITAVM®9 ceramic, the ultimate esthetic veneering material for dental work with exceptional cosmetic appeal and unprecedented strength. This allows for on-site, top-quality restoration efficiency for the dentist, which translates to ultimate convenience for the patient.

Innovative Aesthetic Solutions lab is also one of the few labs in the country with two CEREC® milling units and the CEREC® chair-side unit, all on-site in the dentist’s office. With these systems, dentists are able to mill crowns while the patient waits—usually in just over 10 minutes! Now there’s no need to return in two weeks to remove temporaries.

It seems new technology has finally taken dentistry out of the dark ages, making beautiful and healthy smiles easier and faster to achieve than ever before. Finally, patients need not suffer inconvenience and pain to sustain their dental well being.



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