



We are accepting new patients!

Please pass our Newsletter on to family and friends – We value your referrals and appreciate your confidence in us!

September 2012 Newsletter

Kids are back to school and we are only a few weeks away from Fall – It's almost a new season and here in the office we've got some new things we couldn't wait to share with you!

New Technology – CEREC

CEREC stands for CERamic REConstruction, or Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics. Teeth can be restored in a single sitting rather than multiple appointments right here in our office. Dr. Peck can fabricate crowns, inlays, onlays, and bridges all in-house with this technological wonder! He's also using the latest software updates to mill durable, temporary restorations that can hold up longer in a patient's mouth while waiting for the permanent case to return from our lab.

First, the teeth are scanned with a special video camera designed to produce a 3-dimensional image. The 3D image is uploaded to the CEREC computer and refined by Dr. Peck using CAD software, designing the tooth onscreen to its appropriate form and function. When the design phase is complete, the information is sent wirelessly to the milling unit which mills the actual restoration from a solid block of material using diamond burs. This is the fun part – you can watch your "new tooth" actually take shape here in our office! We have the milling unit just outside the patient rooms and you can watch the solid block of material transform – literally in minutes – into a perfectly formed restoration. Some bonding agent and a few more minutes later the new tooth (or teeth, depending on what you need) are cemented into place and you can resume normal activities right away!

New Product – CTx2 Wipes

Most of us have heard the advice to wipe a child's teeth and gums with a damp cloth once new teeth begin to form. Now we have a product available that does just that PLUS it contains Xylitol, an ingredient that neutralizes decay causing acids. They are gentle, mildly flavored and simple to use with young children – just wrap the towelette around your finger and gently wipe the teeth & gums. It's a great way to fight cavities with young ones who aren't really ready for a toothbrush or kids who aren't great brushers yet. And the best part – children age 5 and under who used CTx2 wipes had a 7 time decrease in the number of cavities versus children that age who did not use the wipes!

CTx2 Wipes aren't just for young patients though – they can be an effective addition to adult oral care regimens. CTx2 wipes are a good "extra step" for patients who may have an acidic diet or history of decay by removing biofilm and restoring a neutral pH to acidic oral conditions. Patients who suffer from dry mouth find the wipes help to moisten and soothe the mouth and can also combat bad breath (halitosis). CTx2 wipes are great for patients who have sensitive teeth or who experience sensitivity due to whitening products like bleaching trays or Crest Whitestrips. Whitening products can dehydrate the teeth and cause sensitivity or "zingers", sharp jolts of pain. The soothing effects of the wipes can help decrease the discomfort so patients can comfortably whiten.

If you have any questions about the new CTx2 Wipes or CEREC technology please call or stop in – we'd love to see you!



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