

# Tooth Telegraph

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## Another New Year Is Here!!!

We are all making our New Year Resolutions to try to take better care of ourselves; from dieting, smoking cessation, to stepping up our exercise routines.

We at the Dental Wellness Center want to remind you to keep up with your oral health care.

Be sure to keep up with your Oral Health Care. Make an appointment to see us today.

## Periodontal (Gum) Disease

Periodontal diseases still presents significant challenges for patients and the dental profession. It remains the major cause of tooth loss in adults, and the disease can have a devastating impact on oral function and appearance. Research suggests possible links between inflammation caused by periodontal diseases and other adverse health conditions, such as heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, and pre-term and low-birth weight births.

In your oral health care visit you receive an oral evaluation including probing for tissue and bone assessment, oral cancer screening and a risk assessment. These are an important part of your hygiene (cleaning) appointment. Major risk factors associated with the progression of periodontal disease include: family history, smoking, diabetes, pregnancy, medications inducing gingival (tissue) overgrowth, poor plaque control, poor dental compliance and systemic conditions limiting or modifying your immune response to dental plaque.

## Dr Davis is placing implants!!!

As many of you know, I have been restoring dental implants for many years. In 2009 I started my training in surgically placing dental implants and that training continued in 2010 through an implant mini-residency. I have learned a tremendous amount and I am very confident in my ability to place implants. My assistants were a part of this program and they have gained a lot of knowledge and experience as well. We are proud to be adding this very valuable service to our practice.

## Dental Implants... What are they?



A dental implant is a substitute, or replacement tooth root, which provides a stable foundation for a replacement crown. Implant supported replacement teeth (crown) look, feel and function like natural teeth. When we lose a tooth or multiple teeth many changes start to take place. One, the bone collapses, or caves in where the tooth is missing, opposing teeth drop down or shift into the gap created by missing teeth and adjacent teeth tilt in toward the missing tooth. If you are missing multiple posterior (back) teeth your anterior (front) teeth flare out, cheeks cave in and corners of the mouth droop. Your jaw height is lost and pain in the jaw joints may result. Wearing partial dentures accelerates bone loss and most people find them uncomfortable. If you have lost all of your teeth dental implants can act as anchors for your denture. This enables the fit of the denture to be more functional and comfortable.

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# Fun Facts

The Dental Wellness Center is a Proud sponsor of Ted's Falcon.

A day at Thunder Valley Race Track. Our patient Ted won the Ford - Buick Shoot - Out! YEAH Ted, we are proud of you. *Go Team Ford!*



# Invisalign

2010 Has proven to be a fantastic year for patients in Invisalign Treatment. Many of you have benefited from the orthodontic care through Invisalign. In October of 2009 Align Technology made some great advancements in their protocol. This has allowed many more patients to qualify for Invisalign treatment. Then in October of 2010 even more improvements were made.

We have seen some fabulous results and are very excited about future patients treatment. Because I am so confident with Invisalign treatment outcomes, I am offering an incentive to my patients for referring future Invisalign patients to our office. If you refer a patient and that patient accepts Invisalign treatment you will receive \$50.00 cash. That includes your \$50.00 Bonus Dollars for new patient referral. This is a win-win for everyone!

**\$50.00 Dental Wellness Dollars \$50.00**

Dental Wellness Dollars are a great success! Many of you have been able to take advantage of the bonus \$50.00 towards your dental care or dental care products. For those of you who missed our last newsletter we have a new program in our office. If you refer a friend, colleague or family member to our office you will receive \$50.00 in Dental Wellness Dollars for each referral.