

It's a bit difficult to believe that September is upon us already, but what a beautiful summer it has been! The summer of 2010 has been full of change in our practice and I can't tell you how happy I am to see the pace of change slowing down a bit! As I've said in the past, we are fully committed to providing comfortable, convenient, beautiful dentistry to all our patients and with that commitment comes the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to ensure we keep our promise. As your needs have evolved, so, too, have ours. Allow me to tell you about some of the last, but very important aspects of our growth and development.

Two New Additions to the Family

We recognized that our commitment of 7 AM- 7PM access and Monday through Saturday availability would create a significant strain on our staff and I would like to apologize if we may have run behind schedule in Westport during the change in making this availability happen. To relieve the strain, we have added two incredible doctors to our staff. I am thrilled to introduce **Dr. Rachel Neal** and **Dr. Jennifer Kuchar** to you.

Dr. Neal was formerly a DuPont Pharmaceuticals research scientist who was inspired to change careers by her family dentist, who believed her kind and gentle nature would be a gift to dentistry.

Prior to joining us, Dr. Neal had the unique opportunity to spend a number of years focusing on cosmetic practice, while also performing emergency-based care. That is an all too rare combination. We were anxious to have Dr. Neal join us because we saw that her expertise in both emergency care and esthetics could speed our same-day responsiveness for you. We hope that some day in the very near future, every emergency call to our practice will be addressed that very day.

The addition of Dr. Neal would have been a significant enough improvement for the year. But then we had the chance to meet Dr. Jennifer Kuchar. Dr. Kuchar is the 2010

valedictorian from one of the best clinical programs in the midwest. Bragging about all her accomplishments would both take up too much space in our newsletter and embarrass our new doctor! What I can tell you is that Dr. Kuchar is a compassionate doctor, with a desire to be the best dentist anywhere.

Dr. Kuchar is also an amazing athlete who excelled at rugby and soccer while attending college. She doesn't like to brag, so when you meet her, try to coax out a bit more of her story. And make sure to tell her how much more she'll like New England over her Chicago home.

Thank you!

We are extremely grateful for all the wonderful people you have introduced to our office! Referrals are truly the highest compliment and the greatest gift we can

receive. We love meeting new people, so if you have friends, family or co-workers who need a dental home, please send them our way!

New Technology

Each year, 36,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer and 8,000 of them die of the disease. In its early stages, oral cancer can go undetected, as it is painless and produces few obvious physical symptoms. This is why the dental community is the first line of defense in early detection of the disease.

There are new methods of detection that can be performed during hygiene exams.

VELscope is a new fluorescence technology for the detection of oral cancer. It is a non-invasive prescreening test which is now in use in both Westport and Seekonk. Unlike many of the early detection devices, VELscope does not require the use of contrast dye, which is often foul tasting and can leave pigmentation in the oral cavity for some time. This is just one of the many methods of advanced technology that our practice will continue to bring to you.

We encourage all adult patients to be screened yearly during their routine hygiene visit.



Dr. Neal



Dr. Kuchar



Dentistry From The Heart

With the end of summer comes thoughts of cooler weather, changing foliage...and free dental care! This will be our third year hosting Dentistry From The Heart, but the first time at our new Seekonk location, Southcoast Smiles. Our entire staff and many volunteers will be on hand to provide free dental procedures for adults in need of dental care. We love having the opportunity to give back to our community, because we know there are many people who simply cannot afford dental treatment at this time. Should you know of anyone who could benefit from a day of free dental care, please put the word out at your workplace, place of worship, or community center and have them check the website, www.SouthcoastPerfectSmiles.com, for more information. We will be there bright and early to begin registering patients at 7:30 AM. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage those in need to arrive early!

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