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Gino II says...

We Are Into Education

Working in General Dentistry, we have noticed that there could be done more with patient education and we feel that it is best to start at a young age. We have decided to start a program going to local schools and educating children on how to brush and floss their teeth.

Beginning September 28, 2005 every other Wednesday, Michelle and Heather, our dental assistants are available to go and teach about dental health to the first and second grade level students. They will teach proper brushing and flossing techniques. In addition, they will educate the children on the impact of good nutrition on the teeth and the importance of teeth to overall health. Michelle and Heather have a variety of visual and hands-on aids.

So far three schools invited us:

Spalding Elementary

Chief Joseph Elementary

Lake Hazel Elementary

If your child's school is not listed above and you would like us to come teach, please contact your child's school. Ask them to contact either Michelle or Heather at 375-1012 so we can set up a day to visit your child's school!

If you are an educator and would like us to come to teach at your school, feel free to contact us also.

Michelle and Heather have had their first experience with Spalding Elementary on September 28, 2005. They presented about 120 first graders and Kindergartners about brushing and flossing their teeth. It was a great experience for all of them, Michelle and Heather included! The children were very interested and had a lot of questions!!! Unfortunately, we have found that a lot of the children were brushing their teeth only once a day. It is very important for children and adults to brush at least two times a day. Daily flossing is important too.

We would like to thank for this opportunity to help to assist our young population learn healthy habits.

Residency

In August, Dr. Hanson began teaching at the Idaho State University Family Residency Program. In his position, he oversees the work of recently licensed dentists and helps them to improve their clinical skills. The result will hopefully be dentists that are better trained in advanced dental procedures.

In the several clinical sessions, Dr. Hanson has supervised four new dentists develop various treatment options for their patients and he has overseen their work. The four new dentists are all beginning to open their eyes to the needs

of their patients, not just their own needs of procedures necessary to complete before graduation.

The time out of the office is very rewarding for Dr. Hanson and allows him to reflect on his services since graduating in 1984.

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Are You At Risk For Cavities?

Historically the dental profession has inappropriately diagnosed cavities. Cavities in and of themselves are not a disease. Cavities are a symptom of infection of mutans streptococci and should be identified or detected as symptoms. The infection of mutans streptococci is the disease and should be diagnosed as the disease “dental caries” better known as cavities.

We have an ability to identify your whether you may be more prone to get cavities with a simple test. Swabbing in designated areas of your mouth can give an idea how many bacteria are “ready to cause problems”.

We feel that base line of bacterial growth in your mouth can give us a good idea of possible level of cavities in the future. We have placed in guidelines that every new patient will include “cavity bacteria test” or Caries Susceptibility Test.

As an established patient, you may be asked to give permission for the test on one of your next visits if you have recurrent cavities. After we know your specific risk level, we will be able to design a treatment plan that is right for you.

Before performing the test, we ask you not to eat, drink, brush teeth, floss or talk for 30 mins beforehand, so that we can the most accurate reading.

The cost for the Caries Assessment is \$10

Sometimes an additional test is needed and that is Bacteria Culture. The cost of that test is \$35.

Some insurances cover one or both of these tests.

If you are interested learning about your cavity risk, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 375-1012.