

# Modern Smiles

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## Broken Tooth Leads Fearful Patient To Caring Hands



**C**arol H. has no kind words for her childhood dentist. Unfortunately, he was the only dentist in her small, rural community. It was just too convenient for the school bus to drop her at his office and she could walk to the library where her mother worked afterwards. Now decades later, Carol still can't help but refer to him as "the dentist from hell."

Carrying deep fears of dentistry as an adult, Carol recalls him reeking of cigarettes, never giving sufficient Novocain and ignoring obvious signs of hurting her. "He couldn't get you out of the chair fast enough," she recalls.

Naturally, these memories affected Carol's ability to have regular dental care. During one phase, she went seven years without seeing a dentist. An incident in a restaurant was the re-activation needed to get her back into dental care that has been part of her life now for over a decade.

It was ten years ago that Carol was out having dinner with a friend when a tooth broke. She had no dentist and asked her friend to recommend one. The friend suggested Dr. James Andrews.

Carol appreciated that Dr. Andrews arranged to see her quickly. She shared her fears with him, who has experience caring for high-fear patients. "I

*remember my first appointment, hanging onto the arms of the chair for dear life,"* Carol says. "He was so nice even though I was in 'panic mode'."

Carol began to feel even more at ease with Dr. Andrews' frequent communication during treatment. He'd describe what he was doing, regularly asked if she was okay, and encouraged her to raise a hand if she felt anything. Carol adds, "He never made me feel stupid for my fears and always put me at ease."

Over the years, Carol has needed various dental repairs and has been committed to regular dental visits. "I have been very pleased with everything they've done," she states. She adds that his entire team help make her feel comfortable as well. "They are all very committed to their patients," she shares.

Now, Carol's husband and sons are also dental patients of Dr. Andrews'.

Carol realizes that the broken tooth ten years ago was actually a blessing. It was the motivation she needed to find a dentist she could trust. And, while Carol may never fully recover from her childhood trauma, she's thankful she's found a dentist she knows "will never hurt me."

Dental fear is not unusual. However, regular dental care protects your smile as well as

your overall health. The bacteria of gum disease have been associated with heart disease, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, preterm babies and memory loss. It is also the leading cause of adult tooth loss.

If you know someone with dental fear, suggest they begin with a no-cost consultation with Dr. Andrews. This visit takes place in Dr. Andrews' consultation room, which is

not a part of the clinical area. He will explain options available for comfort and answer all questions thoroughly.



Call **(843) 871-6351** to arrange an appointment, or visit his **website: [www.SmilesByAndrews.com](http://www.SmilesByAndrews.com)**.

## COMPLETE DENTAL CARE FOR ALL AGES!

**W**hile Dr. Andrews and his team are skilled in advanced procedures, they are proudest of their whole-family patient relationships. "Caring for the ongoing dental needs of every stage of life is the reason I became a dentist," states Dr. Andrews. "Seeing children grow into teens and having parents who become grandparents is immensely satisfying. Helping families to enjoy healthy smiles, at every age, is why we refer to our 'patient family' as family."

In addition to bi-annual cleanings and exams, Dr. Andrews provides tooth-colored fillings and inlays for cavities, root canals, gum disease treatment, bonding, veneers or crowns for chipped or broken teeth, extractions and other procedures that may arise for different members of your family.

**ALL PATIENTS are important members of our 'family' and we thank you for entrusting us with the smiles in yours!**

## WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW SMILES !

It is always a pleasure when a new patient comes to us because of your recommendations. As a complete care dental practice, we are happy to welcome those who prefer all services in one, convenient location.

**Thank you for your referrals!**

# Sleep Apnea Therapy Without CPAP

*Do you feel sluggish or fatigued during the day?*

*Do you nod off easily during daytime hours?*

*Has snoring forced you and your partner to sleep in separate bedrooms?*

*Do you have a CPAP but just can't get used to it?*

**S**leep Apnea is a serious problem that is coming to light as one of the most under-diagnosed, life-threatening medical disorders in our society. Statistically, Sleep Apnea is more dangerous than drunk driving and has been associated with high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, weight gain, obesity, impotency and stroke.

Apnea sufferers endure a nightly pattern where they stop breathing for up to a minute, then wake briefly gasping for air. This can occur for a hundred or more times a night.

Some who are diagnosed with Sleep Apnea try CPAP devices. However, it is estimated that only 22% of those with CPAP are consistent users.

Dr. James Andrews now offers effective treatment for those unable to tolerate CPAP therapy. These **comfortable, FDA-approved oral devices** help to keep airways open for patients

with mild to moderate Sleep Apnea.

An oral appliance looks much like a mouth guard worn for sports. Worn while sleeping, it repositions your lower jaw slightly to maintain an opened, unobstructed airway.

There are different types of oral devices, each with different advantages. Dr. Andrews is trained to find the right one for you based on the severity of your apnea, the size and shape of your jaw and tongue, and whether you grind your teeth or have a condition like TMJ disorder.

If you have Sleep Apnea and can't tolerate CPAP or have been diagnosed and want to know effective treatment options, ask for a complimentary, private consultation.

*Restful sleep may be just  
a few steps away!*

*Call (843) 871-6351.*

*Your referrals are welcome!*

# Bridges & Crowns For Implants 'While You Wait!'

**O**ur patients who have procedures involving Dental Implants or Crown-&-Bridge are always pleased when they learn that our CEREC 3D can create beautiful, ceramic replacement teeth without the waiting period needed by a dental lab. Here, we create crowns and implant replacement teeth in one visit. This saves you time and reduces numbing requirements by fifty percent!

Not only does CEREC 3D technology create replacement teeth for implants in a single visit, some bridges can be created '*while you wait*' as well as the supporting crowns.

Dental Implants are becoming the preferred choice for tooth replacement. They restore biting and chewing stability and comfort. They eliminate the fear of embarrassing slips and enable you to eat all the foods you love again. Since implants are supported by the jaw bone, teeth held by implants do not need adjacent teeth for support.

Additionally, adults who wear dentures are also pleased to learn that several strategically-placed implants can stabilize a full arch. In some cases, the denture you already have can be attached to implants. When implants stabilize your denture, your chewing and laughing confidence is restored.

Another benefit of teeth '*while you wait*' is the ability to shade match precisely, rather than hope a dental lab will create a precision match.

Arrange a consultation to discuss tooth replacement options or ask at your next visit. And, ask about payment options that require no down payment and are interest-free.

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