

Modern Smiles

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MASTERING Cutting Edge Advancements In Dental Technology

CEREC 3D



Dr. Andrews recently attended "CEREC Technology & Dental Implants," held May 16-17 and July 22-26 in Scottsdale, AZ. This hands-on training covered mastering the latest in CEREC technology in implant restorations.

An appointed **CEREC Mentor**, Dr. Andrews serves as a resource for other dentists and is one of only three in this role in South Carolina. As a CEREC Mentor, he also has an active role in testing new CEREC technology.

CEREC technology creates porcelain 'restorations' (*final replacement teeth*) in a single visit. *This reduces time in treatment as well as numbing requirements.*

Patients who need crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays and dental implant restorations see CEREC as a significant advantage.

Ask to see **CEREC** technology at your next visit.

HELP For Non-Insured Dental Patients



Some people rely on the benefits of dental insurance to help pay for routine visits and occasional repairs. However, many who are retired or self-employed do not have this option.

For this reason, Dr. Andrews offers a **PATIENT LOYALTY** program!

- • **EASY** monthly payments
- • **NO** deductibles
- • **NO** yearly maximum benefits
- • **NO** exclusions for cosmetic or elective care
- • **10% DISCOUNT** on all needed treatment including elective, cosmetic and restorative care
- • **Preventive care coverage** available for **ALL** family members

Begin by calling **843-871-6351** or visit our website:

www.SmilesByAndrews.com to enjoy a

healthy, confident smile NOW while making affordable payments.

Smile Challenges For Diabetics

Diabetics face a number of challenges every day. Diabetes can damage the kidneys, eyes, heart and nerves. However, many diabetics may be unaware of their increased risk for periodontal (gum) disease.

The bacteria of gum disease attacks tissues and tooth supporting bone structures. In early stages, symptoms are tender gums that bleed when brushing and persistent bad breath. As the disease progresses, it can lead to painful chewing and eventual tooth loss.

As the nation's leading

cause of adult tooth loss, periodontal disease also increases your

risk for serious problems elsewhere in the body. Like diabetes, gum disease can trigger an inflammatory reaction in the body. Research has linked gum disease bacteria with heart disease, stroke, preterm babies, and memory loss.

Dry mouth is often a symptom of diabetes even before it is diagnosed. Dry mouth occurs when you do not have enough saliva to keep your mouth moist. Saliva, your mouth's natural cleanser, helps to wash away oral bacteria. Dry mouth can cause sore gums, ulcers, infections

and cavities.

To prevent gum disease and other health risks, controlling blood glucose levels is highly important. Those with poor glucose control are more prone to gum disease and have it at more severe levels than people with controlled diabetes.

If you are diabetic, you CAN put the odds for a healthy mouth in your favor. Monitor your glucose, brush twice a day, floss daily and have regular cleanings and exams.

If you are experiencing symptoms of gum disease, call **843-871-6351** for an appointment. Once gum disease is underway, it only worsens without treatment.

We Welcome New Smiles!

Dr. Andrews and his staff are always happy to accept new patients and especially appreciative when patients send friends, co-workers, and family members.

Please mention our web site: www.SmilesByAndrews.com or invite those you refer to call us.

We look forward to meeting others like you!

Our Team Has Staying POWER!

Dr. Andrews is proud of each member on his team, all reflecting his commitment to exceptional care and comfort. Jeannine, Registered Dental Hygienist, recently celebrated her 20th anniversary as part of the team! As a testament to the dedication to our valued patients, the entire team has an impressive longevity with Dr. Andrews.

- Sandy – Administrative Manager, onboard for 20 years
- Jeannine – Registered Dental Hygienist, with Dr. Andrews for 20 years
- Rachel – Registered Dental Hygienist, came 14 years ago
- Sunshine – Certified Dental Assistant, with Dr. Andrews for 6 years
- Cheyenne – Front Office Coordinator for 4 years
- Katie – Certified Dental Assistant on the team for 3 years



CONGRATULATIONS TO JEANNINE ON 20 YEARS!

Replacing Teeth With Crown-&-Bridge Combinations

If you lose a back tooth, why replace it when the tooth isn't visible?

The arrangement of your teeth is a balanced structure that provides proper support and stability.

Losing a tooth can start a vicious cycle of oral problems, including drifting, shifting and an increased risk of gum disease and decay.

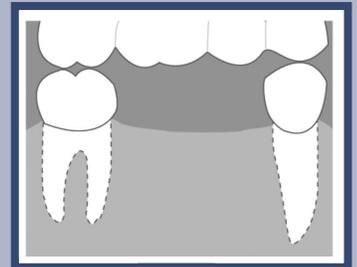
In a healthy mouth, there is a natural harmony of teeth. Each tooth has three or four companion teeth. These include the teeth on either side as well as upper or lower teeth that meet them. Upper and lower teeth work together to provide comfortable chewing function.

When a tooth is lost, statistics show that a companion tooth will be lost next. Then, the tooth next in line is subjected to the same conditions. With each tooth lost, the problems are magnified and the cycle of tooth loss continues.

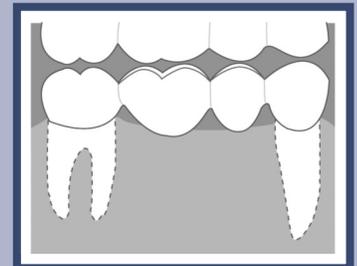
A fixed bridge restores a smile's appearance and chewing function while also stabilizing surrounding teeth. Fixed bridges and the supporting crowns can often be created in a single visit using **CEREC 3D** technology. This eliminates the waiting time required by a dental lab.

The placement process involves the attachment of the bridge to adjacent teeth. Existing teeth are prepared with crowns and the bridge of replacement teeth is attached. The result is an appealing and natural look and feel.

The best time to replace a missing tooth is immediately after a tooth is lost. This preserves the natural arch of gum tissue and the gum 'points' that dip down between each tooth. Call **843-871-6351** to discuss all options of tooth replacement and what may work best for you.



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