



Bitterroot Dental

News Bites - Fall 2015

David B. Duke, DMD, FICOI, FAGD

From Dr. Duke

We are pleased to announce the beginning of our dental office newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to share with you the latest news in dentistry and the phenomenal advances that continue to be made at Bitterroot Dental. Caring for our patients at the highest level continues to be our primary focus; we hope to spread our knowledge with you and your family.

Speaking of family, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you who have recommended our dental services to other friends and family members. It is a great compliment to our office. We truly appreciate your referrals.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter and look forward to your recommendations on new articles or questions.

Dr. David B. Duke

Thank you for your referrals. We appreciate your trust and loyalty!



Mini Implant Services

Mini dental implants are smaller in diameter than a regular dental implant. They are specially designed to be used in situations where regular implants cannot fit. These small diameter implants (SDI) are perfect for securely fastening a denture. The Locator Overdenture Implant System (LODI) used in our office is the most popular implant overdenture attachment method in the world.

To secure a denture, mini implants (2-8) are placed into the jaw bone. These mini implants are slightly above the gum line, allowing a denture to be made to snap onto them. Another benefit of mini implants is the denture can usually be placed right away or only a short time after. Most often we don't have to wait for the implant to heal before securing your denture. This is because the Locator Overdenture Implants are designed to be strong and stable the same day they are surgically placed in the mouth.

Mini implants are also significantly less expensive than regular implants. Mini implants are usually not a substitution for regular sized implants. They are best used to retain dentures, not to replace a single missing tooth (unless a regular dental implant will not fit). If the cost of attaching your dentures to implants was too high previously, mini implants may be the answer you have been looking for.

If you want to get rid of that sloppy, poorly fitting denture so you can eat like you did when you had teeth, give us a call and let us use mini implants to give you the solid denture you've always wanted.

When you spread the word and refer a friend, colleague, or extended family member to our office you will **receive a gift card for \$20. It's our way to say thank you!**



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These awards mean that your general dentist cares about long-term dental health for you and your family and demonstrates that concern by pursuing additional designations. The Fellowship (FAGD) and Mastership (MAGD) Awards are two of the most rigorous continuing dental education programs today. They help your dentist stay up to date on the most current dental procedures in order to offer you the highest quality of care.

FAGD: A general dentist who is a "Fellow" in the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) has been recognized by other general dentists as a leader and exemplifies to other dentists the importance of quality continuing dental education. To earn the FAGD, a dentist must complete a minimum of 500 continuing dental education credit hours, pass a comprehensive exam and have been an AGD member for three continuous years.

What does this mean after a dentist name???



Dr. Duke was awarded the distinguished award of Fellow by the Academy of General Dentistry in June 20, 2015 at their annual conference in San Francisco. Congratulations Dr. Duke!!

Dr. Duke currently holds a Fellow award from the International Congress of Oral Implantology for his work in bone grafting and dental implants, as well as an Associate Fellow from the World Clinical Laser Institute for his excellence in dental lasers

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Bitterroot Dental- Patient Appreciation Special!

At Bitterroot Dental we truly appreciate our great patients!

As a way to say thank you, we are offering a **teeth whitening kit for ONLY \$150.00** (regular cost is 350.00) bleach included

Call Today 406-721-3679!



Is tooth whitening safe?

YES! Tooth whitening is absolutely safe!

Can bleaching weaken my teeth?

NO. Bleaching only takes the dark pigments out of teeth.



Just as reminder –Use your dental benefits! Most dental insurance plans expire Dec. 31st. Don't forget to check to see what benefits you have left and

USE THEM...or you will LOOSE THEM!



Cezanne, RDH

Hygiene Highlights

Lasers in Dental Hygiene

At Bitterroot Dental we have a Dental Laser that is used during some hygiene appointments. Many patients have questions regarding why we use the laser and what the benefits are.

The Laser is primarily used for Laser Bacterial Reduction or as we commonly call is LBR. This laser provides antibacterial qualities that helps selectively kills bacteria which helps reduce periodontal pockets. It is also more comfortable than traditional methods of cleaning periodontal pockets. The treatment has shown better long term results when combined with traditional cleanings. It has over a 99% reduction in bacteria making it the most effective cleaning possible.

There is no better way to improve the health of your mouth than adding the laser to your cleanings. It is completely painless!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the many different treatment options offered at Bitterroot Dental.

Remember, keep on flossing!
-Cezanne RDH



NO TIME? NO EXCUSES!

We know that life can very busy sometimes but even if you are in a rush that is still no excuse not to brush! Brushing your teeth only takes a few minutes and this can make a big difference in your overall oral health.

Just remember... *IN A RUSH? YOU STILL CAN BRUSH!*

Did you know that Bitterroot Dental Offers.... No Shot, No Drill Laser Dentistry?

It's no secret; for many a visit to the dentist is terrifying. For others, it's just unpleasant. Imagine getting your dentistry performed with fewer or no shots and less pain afterwards. At Bitterroot Dental, we are dedicated to providing each patient the most comfortable, painless and affordable treatment available. In our office, ***we have embraced laser technology because it gives great results and patients rave about how much better their experience is.*** As Missoula's leading laser dentist, Dr. Duke has many types of lasers available to choose from. This allows Dr. Duke to choose the easiest and most painless procedure to address your dental needs and improve your oral health.

Lasers are light emitting devices. This light interacts with teeth, gums and bone. The energy in the light is able to replace the work the dreaded drill or scalpel used to do. In most cases, we are able to perform simple dental procedures, such as fillings, without using a needle. Here are some of the ***advantages of laser dentistry; No high-pitched drill sound! No droopy lip or face!, You will be able to talk normally afterwards (no slurred speech) You can eat immediately! No anesthesia for your body to get rid of!***

While laser dentistry provides most patients with a shot free visit, it doesn't work for everyone. Dr. Duke will do everything possible to surpass your expectations. In many offices, laser dentistry is far more expensive. We believe differently. Whether you choose conventional methods or the laser, it will cost the same.

The Bitterroot Dental Team.... Team Building Experience Norwegian Dessert



We had a great time working together and making these tasty treats!

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