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#### **Q: What should patients look for when choosing a periodontist?**

**A:** They should first look for a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and Implantology. This indicates they have completed a specialty residency and are board-certified. A commitment to teach and publish indicates the desire to give back to their community. It's also very important to look for someone who knows how to save teeth. We place more than 1,000 implants a year, however, as periodontists we save significantly more teeth than we replace.

#### **Q: What is your philosophy toward patient care?**

**A:** Our team mission is to provide patients with exceptional oral healthcare and exemplary service, treating each individual with consideration, respect, dignity and kindness. We are committed to bringing the highest level of care and expertise to every dental challenge presented and strive to exceed each patient's expectations. Our treatments not only improve our patients' appearances and comfort, but positively affect their oral health and overall well-being. Whether a patient needs to save their teeth, replace a single front or back tooth, replace multiple teeth or have a full smile makeover, they receive the most state-of-the-art, evidence-based, compassionate dental implant surgery and periodontal care.

#### **Q: How has new technology changed treatment techniques?**

**A:** The success rate of implants has greatly improved thanks to better technology, techniques and evidence-based materials. For more than a decade we have utilized minimally invasive ways to remove teeth using the Piezosurgery® which significantly improves patient outcomes. 3D imaging technology now helps us plan surgery before we do it and anticipates possible complications by avoiding surrounding nerves, sinuses and teeth. Finally, we can now effectively treat periodontal disease using state-of-the-art Millennium lasers that eliminate the need for scalpels or sutures. This is an absolute dream for patients. We also offer Pinhole Gum Rejuvenation and gingival depigmentation.

#### **Q: What procedures do you find most rewarding?**

**A:** In many cases, the procedures are life- and health-changing. It's common for us to see patients whose entire mouth is failing; they can't look in the mirror, nor can they eat without pain or socialize with friends. Literally overnight we can give them a full set of new teeth that are functional and esthetically pleasing and a smile that was only dreamed of.