

Summer 2009

Digital X-rays

Digital x-rays use 25 to 35% less exposure time than traditional x-rays. This is one of the benefits you will experience since our conversion to digital x-rays in February. Another benefit of digital x-ray is immediate viewing. The images are viewable in large screen mode, and Dr. Bates will review your films with you during the exam.

Cerec Crowns

Cerec crowns are a one appointment crown procedure. This is made possible because the crown is designed and milled on site from a solid porcelain block. The strength of this type crown is exceptional, and is now one of the best products available. For this reason we are pleased to include Cerec crowns as part of our services. Not every tooth is a good candidate for this type of crown and Dr. Bates evaluates this during the diagnosis.

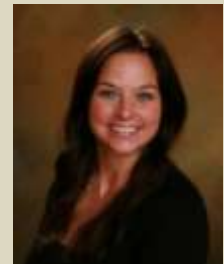
Team Additions

New additions have been rare in our history, so it is with excitement that we introduce a few new members of our team.



Meet **Julie Umana**, Clinical Assistant. Julie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience which has been beneficial to our office. She is a talented clinician with a great chair side manner. Something Julie probably won't tell you about herself is that she enjoys gardening. Look for Julie the next time you are in.

Cara Welborn is our new Accounts Manager, joining our front office team after being Clinical Assistant for the last 13 years. She still loves the clinical aspect of dentistry, and her years of experience in that capacity enhance her skill in her new role. We are also delighted to announce that she is expecting her third child in November.



Sue Halstrom left our full time staff with the arrival of Jacob Halstrom. He made his debut on March 14, 2009 at 7:26 pm weighing in at 7 pounds 3 ounces and 20 3/4 inches. Jacob and Sue are doing wonderful. Sue is now devoting the majority of her time to motherhood; yet she does find time to fill in for us when we need an extra hand in the front office.

Ben Eyer has joined our team to complete an internship for his schooling. He is here a couple of hours in the afternoon. It is great to have someone dedicated to keeping our scanning current since our change to paperless charts.