

FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

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Pictured: Bobby Crohn, DDS and Sherri Alpert, DDS.

Q. What is new in your dental practice?

A. Our new treatment is the innovative THOR near-infrared light and laser, which can reduce TMJ pain and muscle spasms painlessly. We also do full mouth dental reconstruction for patients who struggle with loose or poorly fitting dentures or unsightly older crowns and bridges. And we now offer Lip and Tongue Tie Release for newborns and older children. This can eliminate painful nursing and poor latch due to tethered oral tissues. It can help with speech and proper tooth eruption in older kids, too.

Q. What is the focus of your practice?

A. With our special training, we focus on restoring and enhancing the natural beauty of our patients' smiles using conservative, state-of-the-art procedures. Whether a patient needs one tooth replaced or a complete new smile, our team has the technology, extensive experience, and expertise. Sherri Alpert, DDS, and Bobby Crohn, DDS, are both fellows in ICOI, the prestigious International Congress of Oral Implantology and are currently working on obtaining Diplomat Status. Their special training, including the prestigious Vizstara Mentorship program, enables them to place natural looking, comfortable dental implants. When necessary, they do bone grafts to replace missing teeth in the correct position that allows patients to maintain their oral health indefinitely.

Q. How do you approach restoring your patient's smiles?

A. We believe as the eyes are the window to the soul, the mouth is the doorway to overall health. Many specialists simply place implants where the bone is without considering how the restoring dentist will create a replacement tooth that is beautiful and functional. We are committed to restoring our patients to health using all means at our disposal. We also focus on pain-free dentistry. In fact, Dr. Alpert is the author of two children's books, which feature young children who have pain-free dental visits. Both books, *Cassandra Gets Her Smile Back* and *Attack of the Sugar Bugs*, are available at our offices and through Amazon.

Q. Your practice is also known for drill-free dentistry. Can you describe the process?

A. We are proud to offer drill-free and virtually needle-free laser dentistry with the Solea Dental Laser. The 9300 nm CO2 laser vaporizes decayed enamel and dentin while overwhelming the pain receptors in the tooth, keeping the work virtually pain free. Many children have indicated feeling nothing at all. Dr. Alpert is an expert in the use of this technology.

Q. Can the Solea laser be used in any other ways?

A. The Solea laser can also be used to treat snoring with one or two short (under 10 minutes) treatments in the office. Most patients report a significant decrease in the loudness and duration of snoring after treatment. And if you have been frustrated because your gums are not healing even after years of periodontal treatment, you may be a candidate for laser gum therapy. It is much more comfortable than traditional periodontal surgery and can get better results. It is used in addition to regular dental cleanings to reduce gum inflammation.

Q. Are you equipped to perform surgery?

A. Yes. We perform our surgical procedures utilizing state-of-the-art technology such as the CBCT system, which takes 3D images of the jaws, and intraoral scanning in order to ensure excellent results.