

FACTS ABOUT HIV, AIDS, HEPATITIS AND INFECTION CONTROL

With all the publicity surrounding HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis it is understandable that you will have some concern about your visit to any dental office. I am pleased to share with you the measures that are employed by my team to control infection. Rigorous precautions are taken to protect each patient and staff members with safety being our primary and only concern. I hope this information is helpful and comforting to you and your family. ***Please approach any team member with questions you may have.***

These are some of the measures currently in use by our team:

1. State of the art sterilization center operated by long term caring staff members
2. Disinfection of all surfaces in treatment rooms
3. Gloves, masks and protective eyewear worn by our staff
4. Safety Glasses for each patient (MANDATORY)
5. Hand-pieces (Drills) sterilized
6. Sterile Saline used for all implants and surgeries
7. All Laboratory work, Dentures Crowns bridges etc. are disinfected immediately prior to delivery to you to insure your safety
8. Proper disposal of needles and all medical waste by regulated companies
9. **Digital Radiography that reduces patient X-RAY exposure by 95%**

The approach we take is to protect each patient in the most comprehensive manner possible to reduce infection risk to the lowest level possible. My children Katie, Michael and Meg are patients in our practice. You are being protected in the exact manner they are, as you deserve to be. While the cost of infection control in staff time and supplies is high we certainly understand that LIFE IS PRECIOUS.

I met a dentist in Florida at the L.D. Panky Institute, a true master. He said something to me that has stuck with me for years, "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle".

We continue to strive for excellence in our infection control program.

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