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We are excited about what's happening in the office and we want to share our accomplishments and updates with you. We highly value you as our patients. As always, your referral of friends and family is deeply gratifying!

Charitable Outreach

Dr. Johnson feels it is important to give back to the surrounding community. Wolfpack Dental is a proud sponsor of EZ Run Events and the Canton GoodFellows. EZ Run Events is organized by the Hakkani family, patients of the practice. They have been in operation since 2016 and participate in a variety of charitable events, most notably hosting charity runs. Along with sponsorship, Dr. Johnson and Michelle ran in their last 5k Harvest Run at Plymouth Orchard and Cider Mill. The events are open to the public and are always looking for more participants and volunteers. They are a fun time for the entire family and support a good cause. You can also find Toothman there and get your picture with him!



Our New Hygienist

We are pleased to welcome Kristen Barkoot as our newest member of the pack. Kristen is one of our excellent hygienists here, working alongside Michelle. Kristen got her start in hygiene after several years of working as a massage therapist, when she decided to head back to school. Kristen completed her degree in dental hygiene from Oakland Community College. Her goal as a hygienist is to create a comfortable experience for her patients along with patient education. Outside the office, Kristen enjoys spending time with her three children and husband and staying active as a Zumba instructor.

Cub's first visit

Dr. Johnson recommends bringing your little one to the office around age two. At this time, most of the baby teeth are present (20 total). We try to make the first visit a very easy one; your child can go for a "chair-ride", we can "count their teeth" and they receive a prize. It is important to establish comfortability at the dentist at a young age to avoid any potential fears as an adult. Although baby teeth will be eventually replaced by adult teeth, it is still important to keep them cavity-free and healthy. Healthy baby teeth hold space for adult teeth, prevent decay from spreading to adult teeth and avoid dental infections. The last baby teeth usually don't fall out until age twelve. Dr. Johnson has plenty of pediatric experience and the staff is well adept at making your cub feel welcome in our pack.



Periodontal Disease

“What are all those numbers my hygienist is reading out when she’s poking my gums?”

Part of our annual screening is to evaluate the gum and periodontal health of your mouth. We do that by taking x-rays and gum measurements. These measurements are the numbers taken by the hygienist to determine the presence and severity of gum disease. Healthy pockets are shallow- 3mm or less, 4mm readings indicate borderline gum disease, and readings 5mm or higher indicate unhealthy pockets. Pockets greater than 4mm harbor plaque, tarter and bacteria and require further treatment to return to a healthy environment. Untreated gum disease can allow continuous breakdown of tissue to occur leading to loose teeth and eventually tooth loss. Gum disease is typically asymptomatic and unnoticed until it is very severe and beyond the point of correction. Regular check-ups and cleanings are the easiest and most routine way to treat and prevent gum disease.



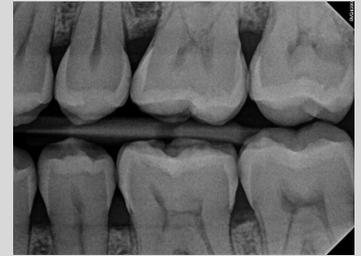
Routine x-rays, called bitewings, are another helpful tool used to diagnose periodontal disease. The x-rays show bone height and the presence of calculus (tartar) between teeth.



The red circles highlight areas of calculus between the teeth. This calculus is rock hard and is located under the gum tissue. It cannot be removed by regular brushing or flossing alone.



The green arrows show a zoomed in view of the calculus. The presence of this calculus causes localized inflammation of the gum tissue and must be removed to become healthy again.



This is an x-ray of the same area after scaling and root planing was completed. Scaling and root planing is done by the hygienist (with anesthetic) to remove all of the deposits below the gums.

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Retiring or don't have Insurance?

We have you covered with our Complete Care Program. Our in-house membership plan covers all of your preventive care needs and entitles participants to a discount on dental work. Our plan typically offers more value than signing up with a big name dental plan individually. Give us a call for full details or see our brochure online.

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