

We are excited about what’s happening in the office and we want to share our accomplishments and updates with you. There has certainly been a lot of change this year and our office is no exception. In September, Dr. Trang moved back to her home state of California and Dr. Johnson has taken over full time at the office. As such, the name of the practice will be changing and we are excited to introduce- Wolfpack Dental.

Why Wolfpack?

We struggled to come up with a new name for the practice. There are a lot of ‘Johnsons’ out there and every office name combination with Johnson seemed to have already been taken. We wanted to come up with something unique, memorable, and fun. Coming to the dentist can be a daunting and serious experience, but it doesn’t have to be. Some levity and a sense of humor can go a long way in making patients feel more comfortable.

When Dr. Trang was in the process of leaving, Dr. Johnson thought to himself, “well you’re going to be a lone wolf now” and it really kind of stuck. Ever since learning about the wolves of Yellowstone in school, he’s always admired them - as they are strong and fierce, but even more loyal, playful and caring. The leader of the pack attends to every member; and as a pack, they are more powerful together than apart. This made us think about our own ‘pack’ at the office. We make each other stronger and accomplish more together when it comes to our number one priority: our patients.

We care about your oral health and address it fiercely like a wolfpack would address any threat. We consider our patients like family and members of our pack. We have many patients that have been with us since they were young pups. That is what makes our office special - ensuring that we create lasting bonds and continued care. So when wolfpack came up almost as a joke initially, the more we thought about it, the more it made sense. So come join our pack and we’ll keep your fangs healthy as you howl at the moon with us. You can visit our new website at www.wolfpackdental.com

Newest Pack Members

We’d like to welcome hygienists Kristy Piecuch and Amber Harpster to our pack (pictured left to right below). Kristy worked part-time for the office when Dr. Kelly was still practicing and has returned to her position with us full time. Amber has been with the team part-time since 2019. Kristy and Amber are graduates of the University of Michigan Hygiene School and are highly skilled with over eight years of experience. Their full bios are posted on the website. We bid farewell to our long-standing hygienists Linda Dugan and Suzanne Gilberston as they begin their well-deserved retirement.



Extended Hours

Are you an early bird or have trouble getting out of work early? Good news, we are expanding our hours to better accommodate your schedule. Every other week, starting in March, we are staying open an hour later on **Wednesday until 6pm** and starting an hour earlier **Thursday at 8am**. Hours will remain the same Monday and Tuesday. If you prefer an early or late appointment time, don’t wait to schedule, they book up quickly.

Monday	10am-7pm
Tuesday	9am-5pm
Wednesday	9am-5pm
alternating	9am- 6pm
Thursday	9am-5pm
alternating	8am -2pm
Open Select Saturdays	

Covid-19 Update

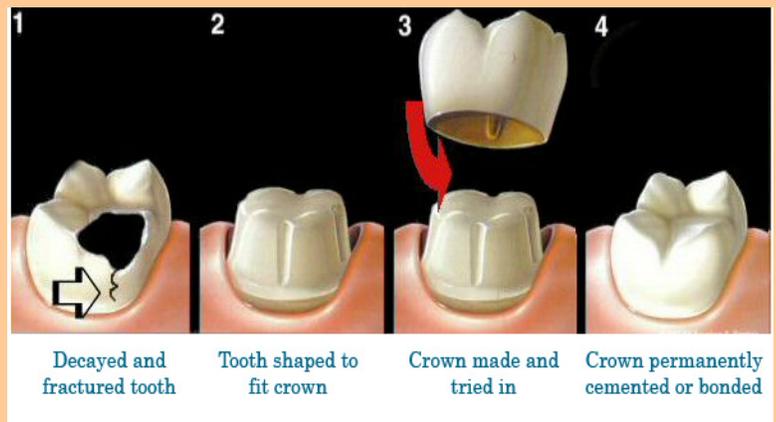
We returned to work on June 1st after the statewide quarantine and shutdown. When we returned, we implemented several changes in the office to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We are happy to announce that we have not had any staff member or patient become sick as a result of their visit to the office. We believe strongly in our new protocols and equipment to keep us safe. If you have not been in yet, here is what has changed:

Screening process- Patients are asked to check-in from their car, as the waiting room will no longer be used. All of our patients will be screened with a symptom and temperature check prior to their appointment. Anyone with flu-like or positive symptoms will be rescheduled. Your appointment will also begin with a hydrogen peroxide based mouthrinse.

New Equipment- The staff is wearing more PPE, as indicated by OSHA and the American Dental Association. We are wearing full-length clinical coats, face shields and KN-95 masks. Each treatment room and the common area have also been outfitted with a HEPA air filtration unit that purifies the air every 15 minutes. Please ask us if you have any questions regarding our new policies. We will continue to adapt with these changing times and the safety of our patients and staff will always be our first priority.

What's a crown?

A dental crown or "cap" completely encompasses and covers the entire tooth. A crown is a standard choice for restoring large portions of tooth structure lost due to decay, trauma, or previously filled areas. When the area of tooth to be fixed starts to become larger than the natural tooth itself, a crown is often recommended for complete structural support. Crowns can also be done to change the shape and shade of a tooth to improve esthetics or for a complete makeover. The final crown is adjusted to the proper height and permanently cemented onto the tooth. It is cared for and functions like a normal tooth.



During a hygiene exam, tooth #13 (red arrow) was identified as a candidate for a crown. We decided to replace the silver filling on tooth #12 as well (green arrow).



A crown was required because the tooth had been filled twice before (outlines) and was forming a new cavity (circle) as evidenced by the shadowing along the edge of the filling.



The tooth was prepped for the crown using the same anesthetic used for fillings. Then our patient started making jokes about being "blue-tooth compatible"...



This patient has a great sense of humor and requested the tooth to be blue to complete the joke. While we default to tooth-colored crowns, we can accommodate these special requests.

Comments, Questions, or Suggestions?

You can follow us on Facebook or Instagram. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact us at - wolfpackdental32@gmail.com

Please leave us a review about your experience on Google or Yelp. As always, a referral of your friends or family is the highest compliment we can receive.



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