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A Dental Newsletter

Rotary Award

Dr. Crane recently received the Rotary District 6250 "Lifetime Achievement Award". This is the highest award presented by Rotary districts and was given for his many years of humanitarian service in Central and South America. Dr. Crane is the current president of the Chippewa Falls Rotary Club and one of over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide who believe in the Rotary motto, "Service above Self".

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Fluorides

Fluoride is the best agent we have today to prevent and reduce tooth decay (caries). It increases the tooth's resistance to acid dissolution, promotes remineralization, and inhibits the cariogenic microbial process. In our office we have several types that are used in different applications.

Topically applied fluoride varnish is used following the cleaning of children's teeth and on adults with a high decay risk. It releases a topical application for about four hours.

0.2% Neutral Sodium Fluoride mouth rinse is given to patients following adult cleaning. It has a refreshing taste and applies a topical fluoride for one minute.

0.1% Stannous fluoride is used at home daily by patients that need a little extra protection from caries.

It is used as a rinse for one minute after brushing at bedtime. Patients who have had periodontal surgery or have exposed root surfaces can benefit from this.

3M Varnish XT is a specially formulated extended contact varnish used in specific small areas to treat sensitivity, areas around orthodontic brackets, and areas of severe decalcification.

3M Clinpro 5000 Tri-Calcium Phosphate is an anti-cavity toothpaste only sold in dental offices. It is used once daily in place of conventional toothpaste for patients with high caries risk.

Live Electronic Insurance Benefits

We now have "real time" electronic access to your insurance benefits. Many companies are participating in this program that allows us to immediately ascertain your coverage and benefits to date.



Record Security

Federal laws require protecting the privacy of your dental records. As part of this endeavor, we are attaching your photo to your electronic chart. If we have not yet taken your picture please check with us on your next appointment. Insurance companies are now using unique patient numbers rather than using social security numbers. It is important we get your new numbers as soon as they are available. The primary reason for delayed insurance payments is improper identification numbers. Some insurance companies require us to check your insurance photo ID card at each appointment.

Hygiene Team

In our ongoing efforts to better serve our patients we have established a "dental hygiene team" with all our hygienists fully trained to meet current criteria of proficiency. This will assure uniform treatment standards. In Wisconsin, hygienists can now be credentialed to administer local anesthetic.

Tooth Decay

In years past tooth decay in young children and older adults was accepted as a matter of fact by patients and dentists. Today we know the causes of tooth decay and have numerous ways of preventing it. The Dental Home Program for one-year olds is a way to assess the caries risk and help parents prevent cavities we see in the three-year olds. Mountain Dew and other sodas consumed in large quantities over several hours is creating major problems in 15-30 year olds. Older patients with dry mouths are chewing sugar gum and sucking on sugar filled hard candy. This is causing gum line and root surface decay. When we see decay now we look for the cause, restore the teeth, and work with patients to keep it from reoccurring.

Our Web Site

We continue to update our dental practice web-site, which offers a wealth of information about your dental care and well being. It covers topics from emergency procedures and fun things for children to facts about our office. Please visit it and spend some time looking at the different pages.

www.cranefamilydental.com

Our Clinical Dental Staff



Cathy Feuling

After high school Cathy worked in a local dental office for several years as an assistant and front desk manager. She then worked for a local company for 13 years in the Human Resources department doing payroll and customer service. In 2007 Cathy started for Dr. Crane and is our office manager today. She has two grown daughters and enjoys time with her new grandson. She and her husband own and operate a vineyard and enjoy wine tasting and antiques.



Katie Fuller

Katie comes from a seven year background in dental assisting and administration. She is a licensed Medical Assistant with five years experience in Oncology. Katie job-shares at our front desk and also assists Dr. Crane. Katie has two grown sons. Her passion is taking care of her four rescue dogs. She and her husband enjoy travelling and spending time with their family. On nice summer days they enjoy riding their Harley motorcycle. Katie also does the administrative work for her husband's trucking business.



Sarah Julien

Sarah obtained an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene degree from North Central Technical College in 1999. She is certified to deliver local anesthesia, has had training in delivery of chemotherapeutics, and has completed numerous other courses related to patient care. She has worked in several offices over the years before working for Dr. Crane. She is married and she and her husband enjoy many outdoors activities including backpacking, gardening, biking, and kayaking. Currently they are building a log home.



Amy Nelson

Amy attended UW Stout for a short time before enrolling in the dental hygiene program at North Central Technical College. After graduation in 2005 she gained experience in several offices and had worked in Eau Claire until coming to our office. She is certified to deliver local anesthesia and continues to pursue continuing education in all aspects of dental hygiene. She is married and has two sons. Her family enjoys spending time at their cabin up North and all the related outdoor activities. When she is not involved in her kid's activities she enjoys time to herself reading.



Mary Peck

Mary started in dentistry in a local office as a dental assistant and working at the front desk. She did this for 14 years then took off for several years only working occasionally for Dr. Crane. In 1996 she returned to working two days per week as one of our dental assistants. Mary's interests are gardening, sewing, and travelling. On a recent trip with her son she visited Brazil on an agricultural expedition. She and her husband work with their son operating the Peck Valley Dairy farm.



Deb Sutton

After high school Deb attended dental assisting school in La Crosse. Upon graduation she worked three years in a local dental office before moving to Iowa. There she taught dental assisting at the University of Iowa for five years. She then moved to Eau Claire where she worked in several dental offices before starting to work for Dr. Crane in 2002. Now she works part-time and fill-in. Deb enjoys quilting, raising chickens and goats, cooking and baking. She and her husband have three grown children and enjoy woodworking together.