Dear Friends and Patients,

How excited I am to tell you of the new and exciting advances that are being made at Port Warwick Dental Arts! Those of you who have had appointments in the past few weeks have become aware of some of them.

As many of you know, we have been blessed with minimal changes in staffing over the 23+ years I have been in practice. Lately, that has been different. And although a few of the faces in the office are new, our philosophy of excellence in care and personal attention will always remain unchanged. In as much as we have been sad to see some of our long-time devoted team members leave to pursue other areas of interest, we are happy that they have made decisions that have allowed them a better balance in their lives, spending greater amounts of time caring for their children and grandchildren, pursuing their hobbies or supporting their military husband in times of transfer. We are in touch regularly, and they do enjoy receiving word that they have been missed by us all.

Exciting Changes

One thing I know for sure is...life is change! And with recent change, we have had the blessing of a refreshed vision to take us to an even more enriching level of practice. Ours is a vision that has been unprecedented in the field of dentistry, and is already receiving national recognition. (More on that later.) Although this letter is rather lengthy, I hope you will take time to review it, as we are pleased to have an opportunity to share our vision and excitement with each of you.

Your Feedback Is Important To Us

Please know that we are aware change is often challenging. Your patience, as we accommodate our new vision, is most appreciated. We will continue to work our hardest and our best so that we do not let you down. You are encouraged to send a confidential email directly to me at samahadds@pwdentalarts.com if the care and attention you receive in our office does not meet your expectations. You may also leave a confidential voice mail message on my office phone by calling 223-9270. Your patience and your honesty will help each of us improve our ability to not only meet, but exceed your expectations. In turn, we will look forward to hearing about your positive experiences as you receive exceptional service by members of our team. Each member of the PWDA team is hand-chosen by me, with the goal of delivering incomparable service to each and every patient. I will not settle for anything less.

New Procedures in Less Time

Many new procedures are being offered at PWDA. And others are being offered even more efficiently and more comfortably than ever before! What this means is that your time in the dental chair will be further minimized as we continue to invest in technology and educational pursuits that allow us to do finer dentistry in even shorter amounts of time. Our VIP appointments of one-on-one patient care for the day (usually Wednesdays), are scheduled far in advance. As some of you have experienced, this unique approach allows us to incorporate many days of appointments into one day, often permitting the completion of highly complex care in a day or two, as opposed to many months of treatment. This is how we are able to efficiently care for patients who visit us from all over the world. Due to the increasing popularity of this level of comprehensive care, next year might find us scheduling a second VIP day each week. For now, should you desire one of these extensive VIP appointments, please call the office and schedule your day as soon as possible.

This is the time of the year that is the busiest as patients are looking toward moving into the holidays with a strong, healthy, and refreshed smile. Others are looking forward to a renewed sense of confidence in a brand new beautiful, custom-designed smile. Call to schedule your unmet dental needs now so that you do not lose the opportunity to choose your preferred appointment time. You may also have remaining insurance benefits to use before the year’s end.

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Creating Masterful Smiles

As many of you know, when it comes to creating restorations, PWDA enjoys unparalleled success. A professional dentist, as well as a cosmetic dentist, I enjoy the privilege and opportunity to work with the most elite team of dental professionals who have worked with me every day, our Future Center for Dental Medicine. I am now collaborating with the designers who create smiles for the best models in the country and am always intimately involved in designing the most natural and aesthetically pleasing smile. Imagine, if you so desire, you can have the same beautiful smiles as the most beautiful people in the world!

Beautiful Crowns in One Hour

PWDA is one of the few in the area which has CEREC 3D technology, allowing us the opportunity to create long-lasting, brilliant and beautiful crowns and porcelain fillings in one hour. We have also mastered the use of uncomfortable, gooey impressions and plastic temporaries that have to be worn for weeks while your restoration is being processed at the dental lab. We will create an expertly fitted crown or porcelain filling for you in one hour! We have now made over 1500 of these restorations with outstanding success. Our Clinical Assistant, Michael Monday, is a masterful Cerec designer and an integral, all-around assistant. You will surely come to enjoy his warm presence and very capable, professional skills.

Migraine Treatment

As hundreds of you have experienced, our recent innovation in the treatment of TMJ pain, head and neck pain, and migraine headaches has been ongoing and nearly 100% successful. We continue to receive referrals from relieved patients and their amazed physicians on a weekly basis. Even without medication, we are often able to gain relief for our patients overnight. Our therapy is轮流 available to your friends, family and coworkers for a complimentary Neuromuscular Evaluation so that I might determine how I might help them eliminate their headaches and/or head and neck pain.

New Oral Cancer Screening

When regard to oral cancer, each of you is used to me performing a Head and Neck Cancer Screening for you during every Preventive or Periodontal Maintenance appointment. I have always offered these screenings on a once-a-year basis and will continue to do so. Because of the very aggressive nature of oral cancer, dental researchers have worked diligently to find an even earlier indicator and more successful way for detecting oral cancer. This year, a new 5 minute painless test known as a ViziLite Screening became available and is now a part of our customary evaluation. The guidelines for use of the screening include a once-a-year evaluation of all patients who smoke, regardless of age. 75% of all oral cancer patients are smokers, yet 25% have no known risk factors. Therefore, the ViziLite Screening is also indicated once a year for all patients, smoking or non-smoking, age 40 and over. The fee for the bi-annual ViziLite is $37.00 and we are prepared to offer it at your next visit, per your request. Oral cancer remains one of the most aggressive and devastating of all cancers. Therefore, early detection is the key to successful intervention. We are pleased to offer this service.

Periodontal Disease & Systemic Disease

As you know, I remain fascinated with and devoted to the topic of periodontal disease and its effects on the human condition. My momentum in the field of Periodontal Medicine is constantly fueled by the new and exciting research that becomes available almost daily regarding the serious effects of periodontal disease on our systemic health. It has now been documented that over 1,000 systemic diseases are caused by or worsened by periodontal disease. We believe that periodontal disease is one of the most significant risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Not only can it cause discomfort, it can actually cause diabetes. As some of you already know, at PWDA we have been involved in developing and performing ground-breaking clinical trials with regards to both of these issues by monitoring high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein and hemoglobin A1C levels as we take our patients through their non-surgical periodontal care.

The results of this research are proving to be highly significant in the prevention of heart attack, stroke and diabetes. We have already been asked to present our research next year at major national dental conferences and in numerous professional journals. I will be pleased to share our results with each of you as we move forward in this important work.

Periodontal Disease and Non-Surgical Periodontal Care

Our hope is that by knowing and you can be assured that my research in this area is ongoing. You can also be assured that the findings of our new research as it becomes available.

Total Health

To further emphasize my commitment to your total health, I have established a protocol unprecedented in the dental profession. In addition to being a Center for Cosmetic Dentistry, we are truly a Center for Dental Medicine.

I have recently hired a licensed Physician Assistant who will help monitor patient health and assist in evaluating the results of our clinical trials on periodontal disease. This research involves the effects on cardiovascular disease, diabetes, pulmonary disease, pregnancy and other conditions.

So one of the new faces you will see during your next visit to PWDA is our Physician Assistant, Jim Linn. Jim is a...