

From Your DENTIST



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Our Mission: Helping you keep your smile for a lifetime.

Say "Goodnight" to Snoring

Many research facilities around the country are helping snorers and sufferers from sleep apnea, a condition in which breathing passages close up during sleep.

Some centers for sleep disorders have recently developed devices to keep airways open at night for easier breathing. They range in complexity from small, custom-designed mouthpieces to blower devices that deliver air through a mask the sleeper wears.

The custom-designed mouthpiece is comfortable to wear while it repositions the tongue and the lower jaw forward to open airways and reduce the snoring noise. This device is made from impressions of your teeth.

There are two devices that we are now certified to make, the EMA and the OASYS. Talk to us about these options.



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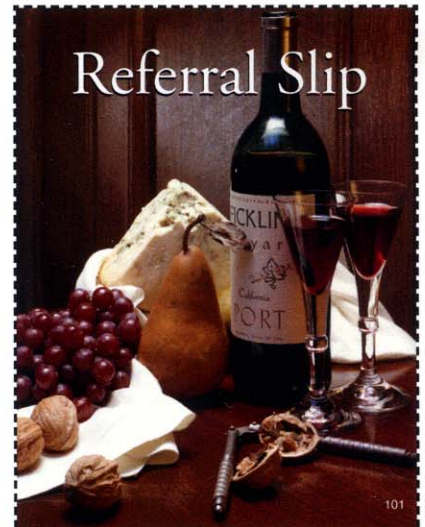
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What is Invisalign?

Invisalign is the invisible way to straighten teeth without braces. A series of clear removable aligners gradually straighten teeth. The aligners move teeth through placement of controlled forces similar to fixed brackets and wires. Each movement is determined by computer imaging and an appropriate aligner is made to achieve that movement.

Invisalign is clear, removable, comfortable, and easily fits into your lifestyle. Let us know if this might be something that interests you.

Referral Slip



We would like more patients like you. Please refer us to your family, friends & co-workers and we will THANK YOU with a gift.

Have them call for an appointment

362-8657

After their first visit, we will contact you to choose:
\$50 toward your next dental visit or
\$50 to Biaggi's or Granite City or a
\$50 BP Gasoline card

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New Recommendations for Antibiotics before Dental Treatment

Many dental patients need to take antibiotics before their dental appointments due to heart problems or joint replacement. In 2007, there has been an update. Only the following cardiac conditions need to be premedicated before dental procedures.

In summary, the update recommends **ONLY** antibiotic SBE coverage for patients with: 1) An artificial heart valve, 2) A previous history of infective endocarditis, 3) Patients with unrepaired or incomplete repaired congenital heart disease, 4) Heart transplant patients.

The guidelines **NO** longer recommend antibiotic use for the following conditions: mitral valve prolapse, rheumatic heart disease, bicuspid valve disease, calcified aortic stenosis, or congenital heart conditions such as ventricular septal defect, atrial septal defect and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Please talk to your physician and/or cardiologist to see if they recommend this change for you. You will still need antibiotics for joint replacements at this time.

