

THE ART OF DENTISTRY



Insights and breaking trends abound in the industry of specialized and general dentistry. We find out about advanced techniques and technology that transforms the patient experience and how we maintain our oral health and aesthetics. Copy by Jay McManemon. Photos by Evan Sigmund.

BAKER ORTHODONTICS



BAKER ORTHODONTICS IS A RESPECTED orthodontic provider conveniently located off University Parkway and I-75 serving the tri-county area of Sarasota, Manatee, and Desoto. Matthew S. Baker, DDS, MS utilizes the latest technological advances in the industry to ensure that patients receive the most effective care possible, including fully digital x-rays, records, patient charts, and treatment information. In addition to traditional metal braces, Dr. Baker also offers Radiance™ clear braces, WildSmiles® fun-shaped braces, and Invisalign® clear aligners. Dr. Baker attended Indiana University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Biology followed by his Doctorate of Dental Surgery degree. He then completed a Master of Science in Orthodontics at the world-renowned St. Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education. Dr. Baker is currently a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, Southern Association of Orthodontists, Florida Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, West Coast District Dental Association, and Sarasota County Dental Association. He recently became a member of the prestigious Spear Study Club where he reviews complex multifaceted dental cases with local dentists and specialists. Baker Orthodontics offers a complimentary consultation visit that includes x-rays, a thorough examination and discussion of treatment options with Dr. Baker, and available financial arrangements. There are a variety of payment options available including third party financing and in office interest free financing. Dr. Baker accepts most major insurance plans and works with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive their maximum benefits. Working together, we can achieve a true partnership, with one common goal of obtaining a beautiful and confident smile. As a family owned and operated business, we look forward to welcoming you to our family!

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A SMILE IS A GIFT THAT YOU GIVE TO OTHERS. A smile is a gift that you give to others. It connects us to each other in a way that nothing else can. This is a strong theme found in Dr. Koval's practice, where she has garnered widespread recognition for the thorough, gentle and focused attention she delivers daily. A graduate of Georgetown School of Dentistry, Dr. Koval has been in practice for over 25 years and earned a host of awards and honors throughout that time. The Florida Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry has awarded her over 18 Gold Medals for best cosmetic improvements and natural-looking smiles. She also has received fellowship to the International Academy of Dental Facial Aesthetics, and was voted a Top Dentist by her peers for Best Restorative and Cosmetic Dentist. It is no wonder that Dr. Koval has been honored as one of "America's Top Dentists" annually since 2005. Her practice specializes in state-of-the-art cosmetic dentistry procedures, including oral prosthetics, full-mouth reconstruction, implant, restorative dentistry, neuromuscular dentistry, teeth whitening, full smile makeovers, as well as general dentistry. "My patients want comprehensive dental care, knowing if the need arises they can get the best cosmetic dentistry as well," said Dr. Koval. In Dr. Koval's office, comprehensive care begins with pairing technology, science and art to achieve the most stunning results. As such, she stresses the value of ongoing training and the importance of using the most current and advanced technologies – including digital intra-oral photography and the latest in drill-free laser equipment. With the aid of four distinctly different lasers, Dr. Koval treats her patients to a less invasive, more comfortable and more efficient experience when creating longer lasting and natural-looking smiles. "New technologies are changing what it means to be a dentist," she said. "My objective is to stay on the leading edge of proven technology for the ultimate benefit of my patients."

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JOHN R. PELTON, D.D.S



SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH DENTISTS AND DENTISTRY-HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP THESE CLIENTS? Forget all of your bad memories about going to the dentist - the harsh lights, antiseptic smells and frightening sounds. From the moment you walk through our front door, our highly qualified, friendly and professional team puts you at ease. It all begins with our elegant, spa-like surroundings, complete with aromatherapy in every room, flat-screen TVs and relaxing music. Once comfortable, patients are treated to cutting-edge dental care - from annual cleanings, to periodontal care, crowns, bridges, implants, whitening and more. Dr. John Pelton brings 26 years of experience to his practice, including teaching advanced sedation techniques at the University of Pittsburgh. What is sedation dentistry? For those especially anxious about dental visits, sedation dentistry makes it possible for you to be treated in a completely relaxed state. With sedation dentistry, complicated procedures that might call for three to four visits with other dentists, can often be completed in one easy appointment, saving you valuable time and money. "We are proud that we have created the type of environment that is soothing and calming for our patients," said Dr. Pelton. "We've been able to transform a fearful experience into one where people leave with a smile on their face." So when it's time for your next dental visit, leave your anxieties - and your bad memories - at home. Enjoy a new type of dental experience with Dr. John Pelton.

MARY SANDERS DENTISTRY

MARY SANDERS, D.D.S



ARE YOU FRUSTRATED WITH WEARING DENTURES? Do you wish you could eat the foods you used to enjoy? Are you afraid to smile or laugh in social settings? Are you unable to afford or tolerate conventional implants? If you answered yes to to these questions, you're not alone. The good new is that you can join the thousands of denture wearers who hve found a simple, affordable solution to denture stabilization and a more confident smile. Dr. Sanders now offers a life-changing treatment in the form of IMTEC Mini Dental Implants. These implants are much smaller than conventional dental implants and can be placed with a minimally invasive surgery which is so simple and easy, you can actually enjoy your favorite meal the same day of surgery. This one-step procedure requires only a local anesthetic, with no sutures or the typical months of healing. After the Mini Dental Implants are placed, patients can enjoy secure dentures and a sense of confidence. Eating comfortably, smiling and laughing without fear of loose dentures are huge advantages. In addition, placing and removal of dentures is easy, as is care and maintenance. Even better, this procedure is substantially more affordable than conventional implants. If you would like to learn more about this innovative treatment method, please schedule a consultation time with Dr. Sanders by calling 941-366-0616. You can join the tens of thousands of patients whose lives have been revolutionized by IMTEC Mini Dental Implants."

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TINDAL PROSTHODONTICS

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WHAT IS A PROSTHODONTIST? The American Dental Association recognizes nine specialties. Prosthodontists are dentists who specialize in the rehabilitation of the mouth including all aspects of cosmetics, function, and tooth replacement. A prosthodontist is analogous to an architect combined with a general contractor for your appearance, teeth and smile. Prosthodontists often work as a team with other dental specialists to ensure the highest level of evidence-based dental care for their patients. "Dr. Tindal is one of less than four thousand prosthodontists in the United States." How can you tell if you are in need of a prosthodontist? A prosthodontist is recommended for people in need of complex cosmetic or functional dental improvement. You may need a prosthodontist if you are missing multiple teeth or if you are in need a dental implant to improve your smile. Chances are, if you are over the age of 52 and you are missing one or more teeth, you will need a Prosthodontist. Dental implants (titanium roots) are the best option for tooth replacement. Advancements in science and technology greatly reduced healing times by up to 87%. Current techniques replace one or all of the teeth with such things as implant fixed dentures and implant fixed bridges greatly improving the ability to eat, speak, and smile confidently. Conventional dentures bite efficiency can be less than 1/6 that of natural teeth or implants, meaning you are chewing 4x's more and consequently swallowing much larger than normal pieces of food. Often, this leads to a lower intake of key nutrients like fiber and iron, and increases health risks, especially in women. How do you choose a Prosthodontist? Check credentials, ask your dentist for a referral, or call Dr. Tindal. The initial consultation will be complementary. You can find more information at www.tindalsmiles.com or call (941) 225-2520.

"Dedication to maintenance and improvement of oral health is one of the best proven investments you can make with respect to improving your quality of life, self image, and overall health."

Dr. Benjamin Tindal specializes in implant, prosthetic, complex multi-disciplinary treatment planning, ceramics, and restorative dentistry. Currently he serves as the Prosthodontic Advisor for the Manatee Study Club, a Seattle Study Club, in Bradenton, and the Spear Club in Sarasota. He has a Master's of Science and Certificate in Prosthodontics and a Doctor of Dental Medicine from University of Florida. He is currently a member of the American College of Prosthodontics, Florida Prosthodontic Association, Academy of Osseointegration, Florida Dental Association, and the Manatee and Sarasota County Dental Associations . Dr. Tindal completed his Master's research in the field of composite bonding.

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