

Natural Awakenings: News Briefs

Smile Design Center Adds Waterlase Technology

Last year, when we offered *Xylitol* to our patients, we were confident that we were doing the best we could for our patients. Now, after years of investigation, Dr Edwards at Smile Design Center can offer a more relaxing dental experience utilizing a dental laser. Simply put dental treatments with fewer shots and less anesthesia are now a reality!

It is all about the *WaterlaseMD* and hydrophotonics. Hydrophotonics describes an interaction between laser and water that creates a fast and unique cutting action without heat, vibration or pressure. Heat, vibration and pressure are the primary causes of pain associated with the use of the traditional dental drill, the *WaterlaseMD* does not create any of these. Many dental procedures can be performed with fewer shots, less anesthesia and fewer numb lips. Due to its safe and gentle cutting action, the *WaterlaseMD* performs many soft tissue (gum) procedures with less bleeding, less post-operative pain, less swelling and a reduced need for pain medication in many cases.

The laser is able to remove tooth enamel decay (the hardest substance in the body) and bone precisely while leaving surrounding areas unaffected. This conserves and allows you to keep more of the healthy tooth structure. In addition, high-speed drills can cause hairline cracks and fractures in the teeth that eventually lead to future dental problems. The *WaterlaseMD* reduces damage to healthy portions of the tooth and minimizes trauma. In the case of a cavity filling treatment, the laser can increase bond strength of tooth-colored restoration, resulting in longer lasting fillings. Since you often do not need shots or anesthesia, the laser can perform cavity preps in all areas of the mouth in just one visit. The laser is extremely versatile. It can be used for a variety of hard and soft tissue procedures including decay removal, cavity preparation, root canals, smile designs, gum and bone surgical procedures and many others.

Dr Edwards and the staff of Smile Design Center are excited and confident about the benefits *WaterlaseMD* offers to their patients. For more information: www.LaserDentistry.com, www.smiledesigncenter.us. Written by J R Edwards and Dr. Chris Edwards, Smile Design Center, Viera.

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