



About Our Office

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Introduction We feel that the best time for our patients to learn about dentistry is while you are in the office, and your comments have proven this to be correct. Please enjoy our latest in-office newsletter!

Hot Topics The ADA has asked the profession to ramp up their efforts in screening for oral cancers and you will notice us following suit as we screen for this condition during your routine cleaning visit. Oral cancer strikes an estimated 34,360 Americans each year and an estimated 7,500 will die of the condition. Although risk factors typically involve alcohol and/or tobacco use, about 25% will have no known risk factors at all. Oral cancer is often preceded by the presence of clinically identifiable premalignant changes. These lesions may present as either white or red patches or spots, so if you notice a spot of this nature that does not go away after a week or two, or have a sore spot that doesn't heal in about the same amount of time, let us know. Of course, we will also be looking for signs and symptoms as well when you visit us for routine exams.

Around the Office You may have noticed a fresh, new face in our office this summer. It belongs to **Krista Manny**, the daughter of one of our assistants, Yvette. Krista has grown up around our office and now, at 16 years old, is able to come in and work with us a little (we used to charge her tuition to come in, *now* we have to pay her!). Krista was a big help to us last summer, and we're glad to have her back for another summer!

Employee Spotlight **Darlene Brinson**, started out with us as our office assistant, then a chairside assistant, and now she is one of our Office Coordinators! We can always count on Darlene for some humor and as a budding poet, can make a rhyme every time! She was born in Detroit, grew up in Miami, FL, and moved to Asheville in 1982. Darlene 3 daughters, Amy, Mandy and Kaitlin, and has been married to Russ for 15 years. She enjoys boating at Lake Keowee, sewing, and gardening.

Quote Unquote Summertime, summertime sum-sum-summertime!

We'll shut them books and throw 'em away,
Say goodbye to dull school days,
Just look alive and change your ways
It's summerti-i-i-ime!

--The Jamies

Our practice family continues to grow thanks to the kind referrals of great patients such as yourself. When we may be of service to your friends or acquaintances, let us know!