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Hello and Happy Spring!

Read ahead to learn about all the good things going on at Prairie Dental Group.

Awards & Recognitions

We are proud to be recognized as Top Dentist by Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine!
Thank you for voting us Best Dentist in the Readers' Choice Awards by Sun Media Newspapers!

We are so thankful to be able to serve our community and will continue to provide the best dental care possible!



COVID-19 Masking Requirements

Since November 2022, masking has been optional for all patients at Prairie Dental Group. Like pre-pandemic protocols for healthcare and dental settings, our clinical staff (dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists) continue to wear masks while providing services in operator rooms. Thank you for your on-going respect for those who choose to mask. Stay healthy, stay safe!



Staffing Shortages & Appointment Demand

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a major disruption in America's workforce, including healthcare. Dentistry, like many other healthcare industries, has experienced massive staffing shortages; and Prairie Dental Group is no different. We continue to have trouble finding quality dental and administrative professionals to join our team.

Because of this, availability for scheduling, particularly for preventive hygiene appointments, has become a frustrating concern. Despite our commitment to serving our patients with a Lifetime Care approach, which includes staying on time with regular care, we have struggled to accommodate the great influx of people wanting their care at Prairie Dental Group.

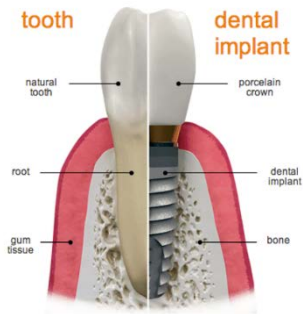
Please know that we are working our very hardest to provide the best dental care possible to every person who chooses PDG as their dental home. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to assist all of our wonderful patients!

Spread the word!

We are still looking to hire a full-time dental hygienist, dental assistant, and administrative staff with dental office experience.

Now Offering: Dental Implant Placement In-Office!

Prairie Dental Group is proud to announce that Dr. Engelbrektson will now be placing implants in-office!



A dental implant is an artificial tooth root that is placed in the jaw to hold a prosthetic tooth (crown) or bridge. A middle piece, called an abutment (post), connects the implant and crown. Most people also refer to the whole unit as "an implant".

Implants are an excellent option for tooth loss caused by periodontal disease, tooth fracture, deep decay, or irreparable injury.

Implants are an alternative to bridges and dentures. They look, feel, and function just like natural teeth.

If you are interested in learning more about tooth replacement options, call to schedule an initial consultation.

Dr. Jeffrey Heitner Health Sciences Scholarship

Dr. Heitner encouraged our team to strive for knowledge and excellence in everything we do. When Dr. Jeff Heitner retired in 2014, Prairie Dental Group created the Dr. Jeffrey Heitner Health Sciences Scholarship. This \$500 award is given to a Prairie Dental Group patient who is pursuing a career in the health sciences field to help offset education tuition costs. Applicants submit their school transcripts and write a 500-word essay on a rotating healthcare topic.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, [**CLICK HERE**](#) and submit your application by April 20th, 2023!

Esperanza Viva Dental Missions

In May 2023, Dr. Moos, Deb, and Abby will travel to the Esperanza Viva youth home in Puebla, Mexico. Joining the team will be Dr. Moos' mom, Kathy, a retired dental hygienist, and oldest daughter, Ainsley, a 6th grade Spanish immersion student! Together, they will provide dental services for about 100 children and staff members.



The team is hoping to bring along about 100 small stuffed animals (Beanie Baby-sized) to give as prizes for the kids' participation. If you'd like to contribute, simply drop off your gently used stuffed animals at our office!



If you'd like to learn more or get involved, visit lovehopemercy.org.



Summer Coloring Contest

Our annual coloring contest is just around the corner!

AGE CATEGORIES:

0-5 6-10 11-14 15 + Adults

1 coloring entry per person

Entries accepted through August 31st
(Winner will be announced mid-September)

Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each age category!

Email us at info@prairiedental.com and we'll be happy to send you our coloring sheets!



Dr. Judson Heitner Healthcare Outreach Grant

This \$500 annual grant is given to a dental or medical healthcare outreach program. Dr. Heitner's visits providing dental care for the children at the Esperanza Viva orphanage in Puebla, Mexico were some of the most cherished times spent in his dental career. His compassion for others made him an exceptional dentist. "A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others."

Dr. Judd Heitner was a valuable contributor to the success of Prairie Dental Group. He retired in 2021 and has left such a mark on his patients and team members, that we continue to be better people both personally and professionally because of our relationship with him.

If you are interested in applying for the grant, **[CLICK HERE](#)** and submit your application by July 1st, 2023!



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