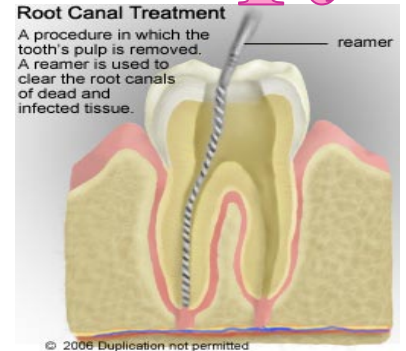


Root Canal Therapy

Root canal therapy is one of the most frequently performed procedures in dentistry.

This simple treatment can save your teeth and prevent the need for an extraction. Sometimes no symptoms are present however; signs that a root canal might be needed are;

- * Severe toothache pain upon chewing or pressure on biting
- * Discolouration, darkening of the tooth
- * Swelling and tenderness around the gum of the tooth
- * Persistent or recurring pimple on the gum



Root canal treatment is the process of removing the inflamed or infected nerve (pulp), which can be caused by decay, injury or gum disease. The procedure is done over a couple of appointments in which the dentist uses tiny files (known as reamers). The first visit usually involves the removal of the infected nerve. Usually, medication is left down the canal chamber for a

period of one or more weeks to ensure that all the bacteria has been eliminated prior to sealing off the tooth. On the second visit, if all bacteria has been removed, the tooth can be sealed. Since the tooth has no pulp to nourish it after the root canal treatment, it will become weaker than a normal tooth.

For this reason, we always highly recommended that a crown should be fitted.



It's Market Square Dental Groups 36th Birthday on the 15th October. The practice opened in 1971 and we are left with one original staff member..

Dr Jim Orlandi. So, Happy Birthday to us!

We have a new face in the place!

Come & meet our new staff member...**Dr Danielle Mein B.D.Sc. (Qld) (Hons)**

Dr Mein graduated with first class Honours. She is registered with the Australian Dental Board and a member of the Australian Dental Association.

Soon after graduating she worked for QLD health here in Brisbane and continued working in the public health sector at Nambour. Although enjoying her experiences up north, family brought her back here to Brisbane, where we were lucky to snaffle her up!

Dr Mein enjoys all aspects of dentistry and treats every patient with the upmost professionalism and care. She strongly believes that you treat your patients the way you would like to be treated yourself!

She intends to expand and improve her knowledge, with the patient's constant well being at mind. She continues to attend educational courses.

She brings to our practice a friendly smile and a great attitude towards preventive dentistry.

Say, AHHH!

One of the most frequently asked questions we are asked is "What age should my child visit the dentist?"

A child's first visit to the dentist should be as early as the child is adequate to cooperative with the dentist, we would recommend from 2 years.

At this first appointment the dentist introduces the new surroundings of noises, gadgets and gizmos to your child's inquiring mind.

We highly advise parents to take their children to the dentist at an early age to help prevent decay and to educate both parents and children on the benefits of good oral hygiene. It is commonly known that children who visit the dentist at an early age are less likely to experience dental problems during their childhood and are also unlikely to experience a future fear of dentists. A child's diet is likely to assert the most significant influence on whether your child gets decay or not.



SO, MRS. FERNWOOD...
I NOTICE THAT YOU'RE STAYING
ON THAT GARLIC DIET.



It's **SPRING!** So remember your toothbrush should be changed every season!

Amanda, Dr Orlandi's dental nurse is now on maternity leave. We wish her well on the safe arrival of her 2nd child... We will keep you informed on the impending birth!



Defend Your Smile



Dental Health week has come and gone with the theme focusing on mouthguard awareness. Anyone who participates in a sport that carries risk of a knock to the face should invest in a mouthguard. Mouthguards help absorb shock experienced by a blow to the face that might otherwise result in an injury to the mouth or jaw.

Your child's mouthguard is custom-made by a strong plastic material, which is designed to sit over the top teeth to cushion the blow to the face, minimizing the risk of broken teeth and injuries. We have an amazing selection of styles and colours for your child to choose from, we can also print your child's name and phone number on the inside of the mouthguard!