

ROOT WORDS

Promoting just a little bit of knowledge...and a whole lot of Healthy Smiles

Mission Statement

To provide excellent endodontic care in a professional, friendly environment by a highly trained and motivated team!

We work to fulfill our mission by making patient care our #1 goal.

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New Treatment Available for Dealing Successfully with an Immature Apex

Treatment of the immature (open) apex has always been a challenge. Not having any taper to the canal makes packing filling material next to impossible. Traditionally, an “apexification” procedure was the treatment of choice. This involved placement of calcium hydroxide paste over multiple treatment intervals allowing the remaining cells of the root to continue forming until some semblance of a root end stop could be formed. The technique did have some success associated with it, but patient compliance was always an issue; sometimes the apex did not respond and

many of these cases wound up being treated surgically.

A new technique has been developed for treating these cases. It involves cleaning the canal, placing a bioresorbable barrier of collagen or bone graft out the end of the root and then packing mineral trioxide aggregate against the barrier, filling the apical four to six millimeters of the root. Traditional backfill with gutta percha and a coronal seal follows.

The advantages of this are:

- It is completed in one visit.
- Patient compliance is not an issue.
- The technique works a high percentage of the time, minimizing the need for surgical intervention.

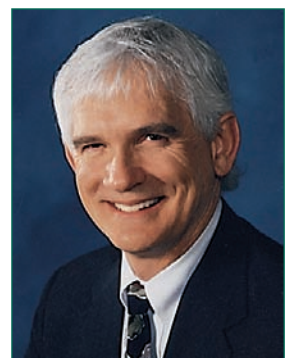
If such a case presents itself at your office, the experienced doctors of Endodontic Associates can be of assistance to you and your patient ■

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for August 28th for Endodontic Associate’s Summer Seminar (doctors-only clinical CE). Our featured presenter is Lou Graham, DDS, an internationally-recognized lecturer from Chicago. He focuses on incorporating current clinical advancements through “conservative dentistry,” emphasizing the same things he practices: dental health diagnosis, treatment plans for medically compromised patients, conservative treatment, cosmetic dentistry, and customized approaches to periodontal care, implants and laser dentistry.

Details are coming soon!

Dr. Les Hardy earned his D.D.S. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and his masters degree in endodontics from George Washington University. He is a member of the Oklahoma County Dental Association (past president), the Oklahoma Association of Endodontists (past president), the American Association of Endodontists and the American Dental Association.



Quality Patient Care in a Comfortable Environment

Gina says she loves working for and representing EA's "awesome practice."

Staff Vitals

Gina Cannon



Gina Cannon
Marketing Coordinator

This month marks Gina's ten year anniversary with Endodontic Associates! The EA doctors and staff celebrated this achievement with a breakfast featuring specially made placemats adorned with several photos of Gina over these past ten years. Everyone enjoyed lemon mousse cake and Cara's delicious breakfast casserole. Gina was particularly excited about the planter with the beautiful plants Susan put together for her from the office.

"It doesn't seem like ten years have passed. I guess that means I've been having some fun here! I have developed so many wonderful friendships, not only in our office, but also at our referring offices. It's been a pleasure working with such a great team of doctors who have taught me so much, and co-workers who keep things fresh and new each day. I love representing such an awesome practice and my goal is to make sure our referring offices are happy. Thanks to every one of you who make this job possible!"
~Gina

Bravo

- Way to go, **Dr. Mike Hampton!** Dr. Hampton recently received the *Beautification Award* from the Midwest City Council of Garden Clubs. His office has great landscaping, and, most impressively, he does all of the work himself!
- Congratulations to **Dr. Deanna Berry** and husband on the birth of their baby girl, Maylee, born on March 10th.

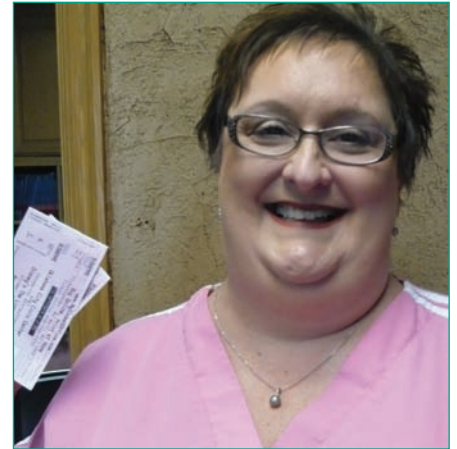
You can now receive your patient's post op letters via email! All we need is your email address to get started. If you are interested in this option, please contact Susan Reiswig at (405) 748-6000 or (800) 522-9609.

Congratulations...April Lottery Winners

Each Lucky Person Won Two Tickets to See *The Lion King!*



Dr. Eric Kyrk
Harrah



Beverly Aivazian
Office of Dr. Steve Chastain-OKC



Beverly Hutchison
Office of Dr. Lori Anderson-OKC



Kim Bauer
Office of Dr. Robert Baumann-OKC

Another Winner Not Pictured...Dr. Darek Ridpath-Choctaw

Please share this fun and helpful information with your staff by passing on *ROOT WORDS!* If you would like additional copies of this newsletter, please call Gina at Endodontic Associates, (405) 748-6000 or (800) 522-9609.