

**T**REATMENT of periodontal diseases is rapidly advancing and is much more comfortable and predictable than ever before. We can even place dental implants if teeth cannot be salvaged. However, we still believe that excellence in periodontal care is based on patient education and understanding. The success of periodontal treatment depends on our patients - how well they understand the disease process and how effectively and efficiently they maintain their teeth and tissues each and every day of their lives.

### BUSH RIVER ROAD LOCATION



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### DEVINE STREET LOCATION

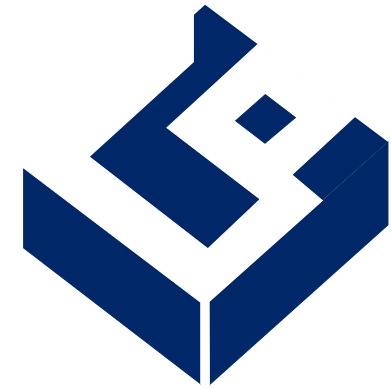


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### OLD CHAPIN ROAD LOCATION



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**P**ERIODONTICS is the field of dentistry concerned with the support of your teeth, discomfort or longstanding infection. We also replace missing teeth with implants. Often periodontal disease does not hurt and many patients are not aware they have a problem - although bleeding or swollen gum tissue, foul breath or taste, sensitive and loose teeth may all be present to varying degrees. Often, none of these symptoms are present. Periodontal disease can move rapidly and you can get worse between dental check-ups. About three out of four adults will be affected by it at some point in their lives. Surprisingly, it is the number one cause of tooth loss in individuals over the age of 35.

**O**UR PHILOSOPHY assumes that healthy, well-functioning teeth will enhance your quality of living. We will work with you to achieve this goal by providing you with the finest and most current periodontal treatment available. We will make

every effort to provide this treatment in an environment that is as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

**Y**OUR FIRST APPOINTMENT will consist of a review of your medical history and a thorough assessment of your periodontal tissues and their attachment to your teeth. Radiographs (x-rays) may be required to complete this assessment and will be taken if your referring dentist has not. Recommendations can then be made on the course that your therapy should take, including length of treatment and possible number of appointments. All courses of treatment will provide you with the education you need to care for your teeth, as the role you play is essential to keep your teeth your lifetime. Often, our treatment must work in concert with your general dentist to achieve the best possible dental health.

## HOURS

Generally, the office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm and Friday until 3 pm (with an occasional Monday or Friday off). Occasionally, we have meetings and continuing education seminars which will change these hours.

## FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Our office has developed payment options to remove economic barriers to optimal treatment. A member of our staff will be available to discuss these options with you when your need for treatment has been established.

## INSURANCE

We will be happy to assist you with your insurance plan to inform you of your coverage. Please bring your insurance information to your first appointment.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions of your doctor or any staff member.

We look forward to meeting you.