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DR. LOUIS NAPOLITANO OFFERS STATE-OF-THE-ART DENTAL CARE

By Robert Verderese

Smile and the whole world will smile with you is a saying that you have probably heard before. It's incredible how simply smiling can make such a dramatic difference in your outlook—and those around you. For those who are not confident with their smiles they might hesitate or avoid smiling altogether, which is truly unfortunate. This is where Dr. Louis Napolitano, DMD, in Jackson, NJ could really make a huge difference in a person's life. Along with his associate Dr. Ilan Gamburg, office manager Laurie Abramowitz, and his wonderful staff, Dr. Napolitano offers a one-stop shop for state-of-the-art dental care for you and your family.

Louis Napolitano was born and raised in Union City and now lives in Howell with his wife. He completed his undergraduate studies in chemistry from Georgetown University and subsequently attended dental school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he graduated as a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon—a national honor society for dental schools. When asked why he chose to

become a dentist, Dr. Napolitano replied: "I always had an interest in, and aptitude for, the natural sciences so I decided to major in chemistry as an undergraduate. While in College, I realized that I wanted to work in a field where I could use my abilities to positively impact the lives of others. As I considered my options, I discovered that dentistry would be the perfect occupation for me—allowing me to use my skills to optimize a patient's oral health which contributes to their overall general health and well-being."

As someone who believes it is important to keep abreast of the most recent technological advances in dentistry, Dr. Napolitano is an avid member of many professional organizations where he studies the latest techniques and technology in the profession.

One bit of technology that Dr. Napolitano is particularly excited about is the state-of-the-art Solea—the only FDA approved CO2 laser used for hard tissue (teeth) and soft tissue (gums) procedures. This incredible laser technology possesses a unique wavelength which functions as an alternate to the tradi-

tional drill in the majority of dental procedures.

"The Solea laser technology is wonderful in that it totally takes the anxiety out of dentistry. Everybody knows someone who is petrified of needles—perhaps your children or even yourself—and as such avoids receiving treatment they desperately need. For these people, Solea is the obvious solution to their dental woes. By not having to administer needles, I am able to deliver virtually painless procedures to my patients, invariably bringing a smile to their faces and to mine!" Dr. Napolitano says.

Another benefit of this breakthrough laser technology is that it allows for a more efficient dental experience for patients. With Solea, you can have a cavity or filling done in a flash, which allows patients to resume their daily activities—go back to work or out to lunch—without any discomfort. Also, given that Solea is less invasive than traditional dental procedures, healing is much quicker.

And as an added bonus, there are no fee increases or additional charge for performing the Solea laser restoration for a patient. In a word, Dr. Napolitano aptly explains this new laser technology in the following way: "Solea provides an overall wonderful experience for my patients and is changing the way we practice dentistry while changing the lives of the people we care about most—our patients!"

In addition to the Solea, Dr. Napolitano's practice offers a full-range of dental services, including general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery and implant dentistry. "In the past you were sent somewhere else," Dr. Napolitano explains. "My vision was to create a state-of-the-art facility where all of a patient's treatment could be provided in one practice."

Did you know there is a link between oral health and overall health? Indeed, the latest medical research clearly confirms this connection: "We're not just interested in teeth and cavities," Dr. Napolitano says. "We're interested in the whole person—everything about our patient's health."

Dr. Napolitano notes that those who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes are more likely to develop gum disease. "Many diabetics have a decreased ability to fight



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bacterial infections, including those that occur in the mouth."

A lot of chronic pain can also be traced to underlying dental issues, such as migraines—even heart disease!

So what can you do to protect your oral—and overall—health? Well, for starters, Dr. Napolitano stresses the importance of regular oral hygiene at home: "You should brush your teeth three times a day, use dental floss on a consistent basis, and use a mouth rinse with fluoride daily."

Although good preventive oral health begins at home, it doesn't end there. To be

sure, the full spectrum of preventive dental care must always include routine cleanings by dental professionals. Patients should come in for a professional cleaning and oral cancer screening exams at least twice a year. This dental practice is crucial in that not only will you be able to have plaque and tartar removed from your teeth, but you will also be given a thorough examination of your whole mouth.

Dr. Napolitano and his team are committed to making patients feel as comfortable as possible and to develop relationships with each patient: "Every member of our team takes tremendous

pride in providing the most compassionate care to all of our patients and to make them feel as comfortable as humanly possible," Dr. Napolitano says. "We make every one of our patients feel like they are part of our family."

To get more information about Dr. Napolitano's practice, you can call his office at 732-905-2488 or visit his website at louisnapolitano-dmd.com. The office hours are Monday 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dr. Napolitano's office is conveniently located at 2046 West County Line Road, Suite 2 in Jackson, NJ.



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