

BEACON PLACE DENTAL GROUP GAZETTE

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Dr. Papathanasiou, our periodontist, brings a strong educational background in patient-centered specialized care to Beacon Place Dental Group. His expertise is unmatched in today's most innovative therapeutic technologies for gum diseases and dental implants.

He obtained his dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He also completed a 3-year advanced graduate education in Periodontics & Dental Implant Surgeries. In addition to a Master of Science in Dental Research. He recently completed his doctorate degree (Ph.D) on mechanisms of gum inflammation and its resolution at the Forsyth Institute.



Dr. Papathanasiou is an experienced and well-versed clinician in all aspects of Implant Dentistry, bone graft procedures, and gum surgeries. He is committed to tailor his dental care to the needs and desires of his patients and to ensure that his patients receive the best possible treatment.





DENTAL IMPLANTS

A dental implant is surgically placed in your jaw bone where they serve as the roots of missing teeth. A dental implant is a small post, usually made of titanium. A connector, known as an abutment, is placed on, or built into, the top of the dental implant which connects it to the replacement tooth. Finally, a crown, a replacement tooth, is custom fabricated to match your natural teeth, completing the dental implant as pictured to the right.

There are many benefits of dental implants. Dental implants guard against bone loss. In the absence of the tooth root the jaw bone will resorb and recede. As the jawbone changes shape the shape of the mouth does too. The loss of bone can result in the mouth looking sunken or concave, and may also cause wrinkles and fine lines to form around the mouth and chin. Dental implants mimic the shape and strength of natural tooth roots and help to preserve the jawbone, preventing these things from occurring.



Dental implants can restore your tooth function as well as esthetics and confidence! Dental implants also have quite a bit of versatility. They can be placed for a single tooth, for an implant supported bridge, or also for an implant supported denture. Because the implant is attached to the bone, the tooth looks, feels, and function like a real tooth. With proper care, dental implants can last a lifetime.



PERIODONTITIS

Gingivitis (gum inflammation) usually happens before periodontitis (gum disease), but not all gingivitis leads to periodontitis. Gingivitis can be reversed simply by brushing, flossing, and having regular cleaning appointments.

In a person with periodontitis, the inner layer of gum and bone pull away from the teeth and form pockets. The small spaces between teeth and gums collect debris and can become infected. The body's immune system fights the bacteria as plaque spreads and grows below the gum line.

Anyone is susceptible to gum disease. Your risk of gum disease can be increased if you have prior conditions such as diabetes, osteoporosis, or cancer treatment. Tobacco use, poor oral hygiene, and certain medications such as blood pressure or heart medicine can increase your risk of gum disease as well.



PERIO TREATMENT

Our periodontist, Dr. Papathanasiou can recommend a variety of treatments for periodontitis depending on your unique situation. Non surgical treatments are possible if periodontitis is not advanced. Deep scaling removes tartar and bacteria from your tooth surface and beneath your gums. Root planing smooths the root surfaces, discouraging further build up of tartar and bacteria.



Untreated periodontitis is more severe and can lead to bone and tooth loss. Surgical treatments are suggested with more advanced periodontitis. Pocket reduction surgery, soft tissue grafts, and bone grafting are some of the surgical treatments that we offer at our office. It is important to have strong bone to place an implant.

Dr. Papathanasiou is at our office on Wednesdays, please call us at 617-738-0700 to schedule an appointment with him today.