

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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Coronal Leakage Can Result in Problems

Endodontic failure has been associated with coronal leakage within the canal system following obturation. The literature suggests that coronal leakage is more likely to cause endodontic failure than apical leakage. No matter what material is used to seal the canal, failure is inevitable if oral fluids are allowed to leak into the sealed canal system. The literature reports that bacterial leakage into the sealed canal can occur within a few days to a few weeks, and can penetrate to the apex within 45 days if the access opening is not sealed properly.

EA Helps Bring Brighter Smiles to Area Students!

Endodontic Associates recently went on the road with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation mobile unit to help make a difference in the lives of some underprivileged students from Anadarko.

Adrienne, Dr. Beasley, Franki and Mel got up bright and early to join forces with the ODF in "giving Oklahomans everywhere a healthier smile!" Several children benefited from the root canals performed (*photos on the back page*). One young girl even cried tears of happiness after having her anterior teeth restored. She had a new smile and was eager to show everyone. Dr. Beasley said of the experience, "It was really rewarding, not only to alleviate their pain but to give them the confidence to smile again." ■

The best solution to prevent coronal leakage is to remove all caries and place a permanent bonded restoration (bonded amalgam or composite) at the time of obturation of the canals. Most temporary restorative materials leak within a few days. If temporization is required, then a glass ionomer material would be the best material.

Patient compliance can also present problems. If the access is not permanently sealed and the patient does not return for the final restoration until months later, then coronal leakage could be occurring and the case may ultimately fail.

For successful endodontic treatment, remember that there are two ends of the canal that have to be sealed ■

Dr. Lee Beasley earned both his D.D.S. degree and masters degree in endodontics at the University of Iowa. A native of Oklahoma City, Dr. Beasley has served as past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma County Dental Association and the Oklahoma Association of Endodontists. He is also active in the American Dental Association and the American Association of Endodontists.



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Quality Patient Care in a Comfortable Environment

Bravo

■ **Dr. Courtney Housley** has certainly been busy lately! She was one of our lucky winners in the February drawing (see below), and she had a baby boy the day after Christmas. Quinn Roger Housley was born on Dec. 26, 2008, and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. He was 21 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the Housley Family!

■ We wish **Drs. Mary Casey-Kelly** and **Katherine Johnson** all the best in their beautiful new office in Oklahoma City!



EA was recently on the road with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation mobile unit...(from left) Adrienne, Dr. Beasley, Franki and Mel.

(photo to the right) Dr. Beasley and Franki help restore a smile to the face of an anonymous young child in need of an endodontic procedure.



After being in the dental field for more than 20 years (with the past seven here



Staff Vitals

Candy Williams

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Business Assistant

at Endodontic Associates), Candy Williams takes great pride in working for an office that really cares about the needs of their patients. She and her husband Lynn have been married for 29 years this July and have much to celebrate in their lives.

They welcomed a granddaughter into the family 18 months ago who is the light of Candy's life. Like the majority of her co-workers, Candy is an avid OU football fan! In her spare time, she enjoys playing a friendly game of tennis or taking a walk outdoors ■



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Dr. Courtney Housley
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Congratulations to the winners of our Valentine Drawing!
Our two winners each enjoyed a romantic dinner for two and night away at the Gradison Inn at Maney Park Bed and Breakfast.