

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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The Perennial Endodontic Question: Where Does the Canal End?

For as long as root canal therapy has been offered as an alternative to tooth loss, practitioners have been asking themselves, "Where does the canal end?" Ideally the cementodentinal junction is characterized by a narrowing of the canal near the root apex. Tissue that lies beyond this apical constriction is periodontal. The apical constriction then provides a natural and ideal point to prepare an apical seat in sound dentin against which obturation material can be packed.

Apical constrictions take several forms and some are completely blocked with cementum. In each type, the position of the cementodentinal junction

varies. Its location is usually 0.5 to 0.7 mm inside the apical foramen, the point at which the canal leaves the root surface. Cementum deposits influenced by age and root resorption from a variety of causes can significantly change the distance from the apical foramen to the constricture. Several studies have demonstrated the apical foramen itself deviates from the radiographic apex most of the time and can exist up to 3 mm coronal to the radiographic root end.

The highest success rates for endodontic therapy occur when instrumentation and obturation end inside the radiographic apex approximating the cementodentinal junction. The use of a good quality multiple frequency electronic apex locator combined with intraoperative radiographs and sound clinical knowledge are critical in determining the working length of canals. Put the knowledge and experience of EA clinicians to work for you with your endodontic referrals ■

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, a recognized lecturer on restorative and adhesive dentistry. Details are being finalized, and it is shaping up to be another great seminar! You should have recently received your "Save the Date" postcard. Invitations will be mailed in the next few weeks, and seating will be limited so make your plans now. **Details are coming soon!**

Dr. Myron Hilton earned his D.D.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and completed his specialty training in endodontics at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry.



Quality Patient Care in a Comfortable Environment

After seven years as a chairside assistant here at Endodontic Associates, Franki continues to be a great team member dedicated to doing her best, not only with our patients but also with our doctors and the staff as well.



Franki Stout, Endodontic Assistant, & her husband Shawn

Staff Vitals

Franki Stout

Franki says she and her husband Shawn have a lot to be very

Bravo

■ Congratulations to **Dr. Natalie Koontz** and her husband Kyle on the birth of their baby boy, born on June 30th. He weighed in at 7 1/2 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

thankful for. In the past year, they were lucky enough to purchase their first home together in Yukon where they reside with their 40 pound labrador retriever, Abby. They are looking forward to one day having children, but are content with their little family for the moment. In August, the couple will be celebrating their second anniversary with a trip to Key West. Both are very excited!

In her spare time Franki enjoys keeping her yard looking beautiful, spending time with family and has recently added playing golf to her list of hobbies.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at EA she responded, "I really love the interesting cases we see come through here. Also, everyone here has become like family to me. It's just been a great experience." ■

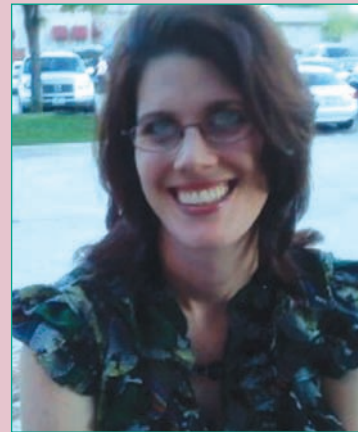
Congratulations...June Lottery Winners



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Dr. Mary Clayton &
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Each of our five winners went home with a Scentsy warmer and three great-smelling fragrance bars! Be sure and enter EA's next lottery!

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