

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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When You Have a Separated Instrument...

Nothing makes a bad day worse than separating the tip of an endodontic instrument.

“Premature obturation” of the root canal happens to everyone at one time or another during the course of endodontic treatment. The fact that an instrument breaks is not the problem...the problem is that the broken instrument keeps you from cleansing, shaping and obturating the canal. These suggestions may help handle the situation.

With magnification and perseverance, some of the instruments can be removed. As a general rule, if the canal is straight the odds are good of retrieval. If the separated piece is around a curve, retrieval can be very difficult. The torque on the instrument in a curve is usually too much to overcome and allow the instrument to be unwound out of the canal.

Stainless steel files are easier to remove. The material can be vibrated with ultrasonics, and with a little good fortune they will back out of the canal. Nickel-Titanium instruments are another story. They generally will not vibrate out because the ultrasonic action will disintegrate the file instead of vibrating it. This is especially true in the smaller instrument sizes. To remove these, it is usually necessary to be able to get a mechanical hold on the instrument to unwind it.

The good news about a separation is that they are not always a problem. I believe the status of the pulp tissue will give you an indication of the success potential. If the tooth you are treating

is vital, inflamed with no lesion apically, odds are good it will not be a problem. If the tooth is purulent, necrotic and has an apical lesion, odds are there will be a problem. On the vital cases, I recommend a more conservative approach in trying to retrieve the instrument or doing surgery. I believe it is usually better to observe and treat if it becomes symptomatic. The purulent cases are in need of aggressive instrument retrieval efforts or surgery.

As always, we at Endodontic Associates are always glad to assist you and your patients with endodontic problems or questions. Call or contact us via email any time. Your patients’ endodontic health is our number one priority ■



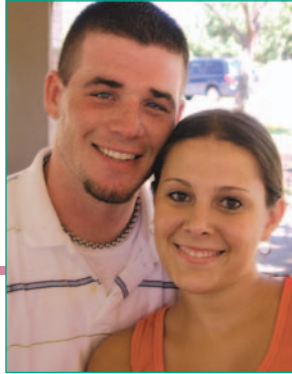
Dr. Leslie B. Hardy, Jr., earned his D.D.S. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and his masters degree in endodontics from George Washington University in conjunction with Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has been associated with EA since 1981, and has been a partner since 1984.



Why is Dr. Beasley blowing a bubble in this photo, taken at the annual staff picnic? Hint...he wasn't even a contender. See page two.

Quality Patient Care in a Comfortable Environment

Aunya is one of our newest endodontic assistants. Originally from Bedford, Texas, Aunya attended East



Staff Vitals

Aunya Romine

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Endodontic Assistant

Central University in Ada where she had received a scholarship to play soccer. She completed her Bachelors degree in Biology and also met her husband Travis.

Aunya and Travis were married on June 3rd of this year, and now make their home in Edmond where he works as a personal trainer at a local fitness club.

Although Aunya is originally from Texas, don't hold that against her. She says she will be rooting for OSU this fall ■

2005 Staff Picnic

Although space is limited, we wanted to share a few photos of one of the highlights of this year's staff picnic...the Bubble Gum Bubble Blowing Competition. Don't try this at home...



Dr. Myron Hilton
Winner and Champion



Dr. Dayna Duke
Definitely a Contender!

Congratulations...

Be Sure and Enter Our Next Lottery!

August Lottery Winners

Congratulations to all of the lucky people whose names were drawn in our August lottery.

Each August winner received a garden flag and hat from either OU or OSU, depending upon which team they like to support.

Those lucky individuals include Dr. F. A. Davis, Jr., Jan Yoder from Doctors McGarry & Brackett, Katrina Henthorn from Dr. Wayne King's office and Tammy Schreiber from Oklahoma Dental in Yukon.

Other winners were Kim Bullock from Dr. Hugh Burch's office, Shelly Bogdahn from Dr. Trent Yadon's office, Glenetta Burks from Dr. Paula Cothran's office, Jan Clem from Dr. Damon Johnson's office, Jenifer Hatcher from Dr. Kristi Cobb's office, and Sherry Cady from Dr. Alan Cady's office.



Katrina Henthorn from Dr. Wayne King's Office

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