



Convivial Dental Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Warm wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! We hope that you are well and already adhering to New Year's resolutions. We wish that you continue to pursue your life's aspirations and goals despite the disruptions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. All of us are adjusting to new realities and we at Convivial Dental have been busy designing new systems, and ways to improve the services we offer.

Our safety precautions and advancements have been described in a previous Newsletter and the details are on our website. With this Newsletter, we would like to provide some additional information about exceptional dentists that have joined our practice and new technological investments for your convenience and care. All of us at Convivial Dental - doctors, hygienists, dental assistants, and staff - feel blessed to serve our patient community.

We are excited to introduce two outstanding doctors, Dr. Christian Ford and Dr. Nilo Moaziniya. They have already made a wonderful impression with their gentle and compassionate care, warm personalities, positive attitude and great technical/clinical skills.

We also are happy to announce that Dr. Zavras was appointed to serve as **President of the American Board of Dental Public Health**. In this nationally acclaimed leadership position, he will ensure and govern the standards of Dentistry guaranteeing quality, accessibility and safety at a national level. He also has transitioned to **Professor & Chairman of the Dept. of Dental Public Health and Asst. Dean of Faculty Advancement at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**. His role there will be academic and administrative in promoting dental health to surrounding communities. Despite his national leadership roles, there is nothing that Dr. Zavras enjoys more than treating patients, children and adults, in our office.

A Warm Welcome to Dr. Christian Ford

Dr. Christian Ford grew up in our native town of Newton, MA. Dr. Ford obtained his initial degree in Engineering from Fairfield University and then pursued a Master's Degree from Boston University's Medical School. Upon completion of this advanced program, Dr. Ford was accepted at the prestigious **Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.**

Educated on the latest technology and techniques the dental field has to offer, Dr. Ford earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree, graduating *Magna Cum Laude* as well as earning State and National Awards for his compassion in patient care. Since then, he's kept abreast on the latest trends, sharpening his skills through various Continued Education Courses, ranging from esthetic dentistry to oral surgery.

During his free time, Dr. Ford enjoys hiking new trails, working out, drawing, and exploring New England roads while listening to oldies on the radio. Dr. Ford also proudly serves as an **Officer in the United States Army Reserve.**

Dr. Ford prides himself in treating every single patient as if they were his immediate

family. He holds a strict "open door" policy for patients and staff to ensure everyone understands their treatment plans, receives gentle care, and feels excited to book their next visit with us.

Languages Spoken: English and Spanish



A Warm Welcome to Dr. Nilo Moaziniya

Dr. Niloufar Moaziniya (**Dr. Nilo**) received her DDS degree from the **Minnesota School of Dentistry** and she is experienced in treating both adults and children. After obtaining her DDS degree, Dr. Nilo pursued a two-year specialty training residency in **Pediatric Dentistry at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**. She is trained in all aspects of pediatric dentistry, including hospital dentistry, restorative and esthetic dentistry, general anesthesia, sedation, and behavior management.

Dr. Nilo's personal philosophy is to treat her patients with honesty, compassion, transparency, and the highest standard of care. She treats her patients as if they are members of her own family.

Memberships:

American and International Academies of Pediatric Dentistry
American Dental Association
Massachusetts Dental Society

Personal:

Besides pediatric dentistry, Dr. Nilo enjoys spending time with family and friends, trying new foods and sport activities such as swimming and hiking.



Recent Investments in New Technology: Enhanced Comfort and Communication

Those who visited the office recently have noticed the change! And have provided great feedback for our new technologies!

Despite all the disruptions brought about by Covid-19, we have recently made a significant investment in new equipment to enhance our patients' comfort and to advance communication. This significant technological transformation includes new dental chairs, new lighting throughout the practice, new intraoral cameras and an automated translator.

Comfort is particularly important when visiting the dentist. To enhance our patients' experience at Convivial Dental, we recently upgraded our dental chairs in our Hygiene and Treatment Rooms. We hope you will appreciate the new Belmont dental chairs and the updated lighting.



INTRAORAL CAMERAS

Because a picture is worth a thousand words, we also recently equipped our Treatment and Hygiene rooms with SOPRO CARE intraoral cameras to educate and improve our patients' understanding of the condition of their teeth and oral tissues.

These are not simple video cameras. In addition to the high-resolution imaging, they offer advanced capabilities to identify dental caries and periodontal disease.



TRANSLATOR SERVICE



Communication is of paramount importance in healthcare.

To enhance our ability to communicate, we obtained advanced translating capabilities for our patients whose English is not their first language.

This equipment consists of an iPad connected over the Cloud with the translating service AMN. Now doctors, patients and their families can all speak through the iPad and easily address all concerns regarding their dental health.

This technology even supports live video translations for people who use sign language.

Adopting a Community Health Center that Cares for Homeless Teenagers:

LEO HEALTH CENTER Hartford, Connecticut



Remember these dental chairs? After a long service at our practice, they have found a new home at the [LEO Health Center in Hartford, Connecticut.](#)

Homeless teenagers without resources and without family support often face dire consequences and health threats. While they cannot afford dental care, they also lack the experience to advocate for themselves. Community health centers are a valuable resource for vulnerable groups.

Responding to a recent request from LEO, a community health center in Hartford, CT we decided to offer scientific expertise in the form of consulting as well as to donate our used equipment. As a result of this donation, a brand new clinic was opened and is now available to cater to teens who are homeless or those battling addiction.

We are so happy that the chairs will be used for this great cause!

Special Thanks to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts:



The State has been an active supporter of our efforts to care for children with special needs. We wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge their support and to express our gratitude. Not only do we have new dental chairs and advanced dental technology, including lasers, intra-oral cameras, etc., but we now offer remote video translation services to bridge the language gap for those with a hearing disability or those whose English is not their first language. I know it may sound cliché, but we take pride in the fact that doctors and staff in our office are dedicated to provide excellent compassionate care to everyone regardless of health status, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or any other personal characteristic.