



# Filling You In

## Drs. Esser, Krueger & Borja

### Implant Update

*At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to our patients who have made our progress possible. Our entire staff would like to thank you and wish you a happy holiday season.*



#### New Faces In New Places

Patients arriving for their appointments will now see Leann's smiling face at the front desk. Leann previously assisted Dr. Esser for 14 years.

We would also like to welcome Ashley who joined us in August of this year. Ashley graduated in 2005 from the Dental Assisting program at Wisconsin Technical College and she achieved her national certification shortly afterward. Ashley likes to scrapbook, play volleyball and go on walks.

#### Please Note:

Our office will be closed from December 24th through January 4th. However, if an emergency does arise, our staff will be available to assist you.

Drs. Esser, Krueger & Borja continue to pursue ways of providing optimum, high technology services to their patients. In keeping with this philosophy, Dr. Borja has completed an advanced course on surgical placement of dental implants at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine. The 7-day course included in-depth patient examination, treatment planning and hands-on experience in surgical techniques of site preparation and implant placement.

Dental implants, used to replace missing teeth, are strong, durable, natural in appearance and have a high long-term success rate. Implants are titanium fixtures placed into

the jaw bone and are used to support crowns, bridges or removable dentures. A crown placed upon a single implant replaces a missing tooth without requiring alteration of the adjacent teeth, as is required with a conventional bridge. Furthermore, implants never decay! Patients brush and floss the implant restorations just as they would their original teeth, and they are virtually indistinguishable from natural teeth. Dentures can be fabricated that snap onto the implants, providing amazing stability. This is particularly helpful with those often-troublesome lower dentures.

To complete the tooth replacement therapy, both Dr. Borja and Dr. Esser

provide the restorative portion of the implant process. Following placement of the implant and the appropriate healing period, a crown, bridge or denture can be fabricated and seated onto the implant fixture. "It's great to have Dr. Borja performing the placement of the implants in-house.", said Dr. Esser. "Communication is much easier, and patients do not need to be examined all over again in another facility."

Candidates for dental implants do need to have a thorough examination and consultation to ensure the utmost level of success. Call us for a consultation to see how we can help you regain your confident smile!



### Laser Dentistry

Drs. Esser, Krueger and Borja have moved into the era of laser dentistry.

Laser dentistry is a precise and effective way to perform many dental procedures, and the technology provides patients with precision treatment that

minimizes discomfort and recovery time.

If you consider yourself a nervous dental patient, you should know that certain laser dentistry procedures do not require anesthesia and are often painless and suture free.

Dental lasers can be used to trim gum tissue during crown and bridge procedures, reshape gum tissue to improve the appearance of a "gummy" smile, help heal canker sores, and remove soft tissue folds and restricted frenula.