

DR. ANDREW SHEARON • laser dentistry



Dr. Andrew Shearon is committed to staying ahead of the technology curve in dentistry for the benefits of his patients

He began practicing in West Vancouver in 1986 after receiving a BSc at UBC in 1978 and a DMD at the University of Manitoba in 1982.

He credits the book "So You Want to be a Dentist" for entering the profession. "I suppose I could have been in another profession had I picked up a different book," he jokes.

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But he adds that "there's great satisfaction to working with my hands to help create and maintain a healthy and beautiful smile in my patients."

Dr. Shearon adds that there's never a dull moment in the profession. He's also proud of how the industry has evolved.

For example, his office recently implemented the use of dental lasers and the dental microscope. Dental Lasers, says Dr. Shearon, are a wonderful tool - safe, precise and a gentle way to provide treatment. Due to their precision and

limited depth of penetration, lasers often take more time than traditional methods. But the benefits are significant. Most procedures can be injection-free, drill-free, scalpel-free and suture-free. And the result is greater predictability and comfort. Lasers also decontaminate as treatment progresses, which improves healing and reduces inflammation and sensitivity in teeth, bone and gums. There are two dental lasers in current use at his office:

The **DELIGHT Laser** performs tooth-related treatment with little or no anesthetic. It can do fillings in many instances without the use of a drill, thereby eliminating the vibration and noise that many patients find unnerving. There is also no frictional heat and vibration stress on the tooth.

The **Biolitec Laser** treats gum tissue. It also uses little or no anesthetic. It stops any bleeding as it is being used and sutures are often eliminated. It is effective in treating gum disease by reducing inflammation and preventing further bone loss. Studies show it can promote bone regeneration. For those who desire a brighter and whiter smile, it can provide laser bleaching as well.

Treating patients under enhanced visual acuity and illumination has raised the level of excellence that he has placed in his work, resulting in a greater standard of care for his patients.



"Our office is the first in West Vancouver to implement the use of hard and soft tissue dental lasers, and the dental microscope," Dr. Shearon adds. "In the U.S., less than 1% of dental offices use dental lasers. In Canada, the figure is even lower. This really is cutting edge technology for the benefit of the patients."

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