

COMMITTED TO CREATING HEALTHY MOUTHS AND BEAUTIFUL SMILES

from Dr Stone

AN OPEN INVITATION: *To you & yours!*

We take great pride in a team that always offers friendly, compassionate dentistry. We try to enjoy the excellent rapport we develop with you and know that spending time with each of you is the best way to ensure that you are receiving the meticulous care you deserve.

We appreciate your business and friendship, and though you may not realize it, your referrals are our number-one source of new patients and not one of us here at *Stone Dental* takes that for granted! It's clear that your testimonials speak volumes beyond any advertising slogan. Your ongoing recommendations let us continue to grow and offer you and your friends, family and colleagues the most convenient and very best dental treatment.

Your referrals are a great compliment and an affirmation that you feel secure and comfortable with our team. We are proud of your confidence in us and we continue to look forward to providing you, and each person you recommend, with the highest quality of service and care - with a smile!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL
OF YOUR REFERRALS!**



Here at the office, things are in a flurry as we get ready for the Holiday Season. Time flies right along with the snowflakes and before we know it, December is here. It seems like we were just climbing out of the swimming pool in August and now here we are ready to shovel snow!

Before we get too caught up in the excitement, we'd like to take a moment to thank you all for your loyalty over the past year. Our relationship with our patients goes further than just reminding you to brush. Good dental health goes more smoothly when staff and patients work together. We look forward to serving you in the coming year. By giving you the best dental care available, we hope to help you attain better overall health and wellness. New and exciting technologies in dentistry are always being introduced and incorporated into our practice. We want to assure you that we're always learning and upgrading our skills so we can recommend the best for you and your smile.

From all of us to all of you, a safe, healthy and happy holiday. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, be sure to give us a call. You are important to us.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday, and bright smiles!

Dr. Stone and Staff

BONE-BUILDING DRUGS MAY AFFECT *Your Oral Health*

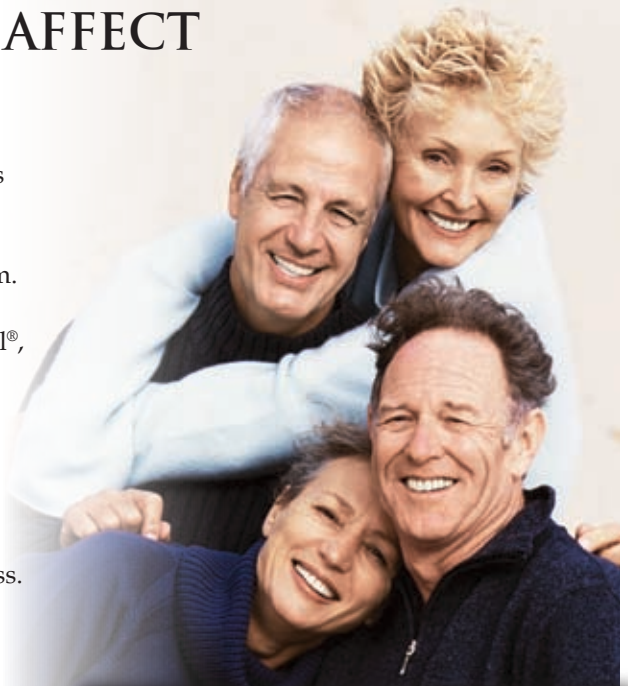
An issue that we find ourselves more and more aware of recently is the increased use of bone-building drugs called bisphosphonates. The use of these drugs for osteoporosis or cancer treatment is becoming much more common and we find many of our patients are taking them.

The reason for our concern is simple: researchers suspect a link between the use of bisphosphonates such as Fosamax®, Aredia®, Actonel®, Zometa®, and Boniva® and a rare condition known as osteonecrosis, also called bone death, which includes the following symptoms: pain, swelling, or infection of the gums or jaw; gums that do not heal; loose teeth; numbness or a heavy feeling in the jaw; drainage; exposed bone.

Initially research pointed towards patients with cancer as being chiefly at risk, but now dentists and doctors are seeing cases in otherwise perfectly healthy patients who are being treated for bone loss.

The *American Dental Association* recommends that before starting bisphosphonates, patients have a comprehensive dental exam and treat any tooth or gum problems immediately. In addition, while on bisphosphonates, you must ensure your home care is impeccable: brush regularly, floss daily, and keep your dental recall appointments. If invasive dental care is necessary, we will discuss the implications with you, and choose the most conservative treatment possible.

Next time you see us, please be sure to let us know if you are taking, or if you are considering taking, bisphosphonates.



An Ounce Of Prevention

We're here for you!

There's an old adage that a penny saved is a penny earned and in the current economy, that saying is truer than ever. But like most apparently simple observations, this one has its complications. Sometimes cutting back to save money just means paying out more down the road. That's why we encourage you to come in for your exams and to follow through with treatment plans – even in this difficult economy.

Millions of people postpone dental visits, but waiting until the harm is done doesn't save money. Quite the contrary. Dental disease is progressive, so if you delay, there's a good chance you'll incur even more costly treatment. The longer small problems are left untreated, the more serious the consequences to your oral health, overall health and wallet.

No one is more aware than we are that the oral health care of your family is a necessity – not a luxury. We will do everything we can to provide as many treatment plan, scheduling and payment options as possible for you. The choices you make today will save your money, your smile, and more importantly, your health. Please call and we can help you figure out how you can get the dental care you need.

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With social media becoming more and more popular, it was only a matter of time before we jumped in.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a *Facebook*® presence and welcome you to join us there.

Not only is it a great way to get information out to you, our patients, it's a terrific way to reconnect with old friends and maintain personal and professional relationships when face-to-face contact isn't always possible.

We're pleased that a number of you have found *Stone Dental* already and are flattered to have been "liked" by you. We invite all of our patients to connect with us on **facebook.com**. Just look us up under **www.facebook.com/stonedental**, or go to our practice website and click our Facebook link.

