

Best Dentists 2012

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Witnessing her grandfather, a respected dentist but a lover of sweets, remove his false teeth was the startling childhood memory that made Dr. Keiko Watanabe aware of the importance of oral health. It was her grandfather's lifelong dental issues that motivated him to become a dentist and his son had followed, becoming a prominent oral surgeon. Seeing the joy her family provided to patients, Dr. Watanabe, a third generation dentist, decided to participate in that proud tradition.

One can see why Dr. Watanabe's mission is "A Healthy Smile is a Lifestyle." She knows that regular visits to an office with advanced dental technology can now prevent or solve dental problems, like her grandfather's tooth loss.

Graduating valedictorian from University of the Pacific, Dr. Watanabe offers patients a brand new office conveniently located in the heart of Ala Moana. "Our office aims to make a trip to the dentist convenient, comfortable and easily integrated into busy lifestyles," says Dr. Watanabe who provides family and cosmetic dentistry emphasizing gentle and conservative cosmetic solutions.

Dr. Watanabe is a Preferred Provider for Invisalign, the nearly invisible teeth straightening alternative to traditional metal braces. She is skilled in implant restoration and the latest in advanced dental technologies, including less invasive laser technology for periodontal therapy.

Many features help make a visit to Ala Moana Dentistry part of one's lifestyle. The office's reception area features free Wi-Fi and iPads for patients but, more often, patients are seen on time and these devices are mostly for those who accompany the patient. Dr. Watanabe's team usually reviews a patient's dental plan before every appointment, creates estimates before treatment and offers interest-free financing to make necessary procedures affordable. Communication is a priority with automated appointment reminders, follow-up phone calls after procedures and email surveys to ensure great service.

Her office welcomes new patients and offers existing patients an incentive referral program with great perks for recommending friends and family. Lastly, Dr. Watanabe's team offers a complimentary Learn-at-Lunch program on-site at local businesses to help employers explain dental plans and maintain a healthy and happy team. Lastly, in 2012 their office will unveil their newest program aptly called Kidz Klinik. This program will allow children to experience the working environment of a dental office first hand.

Dr. Watanabe is humbled and grateful to be recognized by her peers as one of Hawaii's Best Dentists in 2012. "Our practice is about helping people smile by providing peace of mind in their busy lives."

