

INFORMED CONSENT!
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What if you discovered that organized dentistry had been presented a low cost, effective method for stopping 80% of all decay thirty years ago? What if organized dentistry did everything possible to ignore implementation of that finding? What if the dental schools did everything possible to ignore implementation of that technology? What if the dental schools refused to instruct dental students about simple anatomy and physiology details essential to learning how to be a dentist?

This is the third in a series reflecting how change for the better of the public can be initiated. All of the above is true and provable: despite gains in understanding how to stop the initial decay in teeth, going beyond the 50 year old technology of plastic sealants, our second opinions are free, and we will take meticulous steps to include you and your loved ones in our diagnostic procedures with you seeing what we see on our big screen TV's. The most expensive dentistry is dentistry you don't need. If your radar goes off and you suspect that you are being "sold" procedures you don't need, especially crowns and root canals, trust your instincts. Come see us.

The most common indicator for recommendations for needing dental work is seeing a new dentist! Dentists are being taught how to "Sell" dentistry. This is reflected in the fact that the majority of "Continuing Education" being attended by dentistry best falls under the heading of "Practice Management". The vast majority of dentistry being done today is also an indictment of the sordid current state of dentistry, with more than 80% of dentists' time being spent to "fix" previous dentistry!

Again, the best dentistry is NO DENTISTRY, a reoccurring theme you will see throughout our articles. And think about this fact: We did present a reliable, easy-to-implement procedure designed to replace "Sealants" to the profession THREE DECADES ago. If dentistry had implemented this technology, 80% of CURRENT dentistry being proposed to the now forty year old and younger dental patients would likely have been eliminated. This would also have drastically affected the need for training current dentists, and would eliminate thousands of jobs related to dental education and the hundreds of millions dollars being spent educating dentists, and the savings to patients regarding dentistry that could have been avoided is in the billions.

How successfully did the dental schools and organized dentistry block implementation of this now thirty year old technology? In late 1990 and early 2000, we shared ALL of our teaching aids and technology with both University of Texas Dental Schools. The schools have completely dismantled and discarded this information. In 1996 we began to publish startling new information related to the physiology and morphology of teeth, and have unselfishly shared ALL teaching aids related to this now seventeen year old information. This information has completely been ignored by organized dentistry, and dental schools continue to teach from drawings originating in the 1700's that are just plain wrong.

Why can't dental schools teach modern, scientifically based dentistry? Other than the obvious assumptions regarding the fact that the old, entrenched dentists in charge would have to adapt new technology and new curriculum, there has been a predictable stonewalling by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and the Texas Dental schools. Go to "Articles", and download the "Open Records Requests". It will take some intense reading to understand the depth of the depravity. One of the most egregious offenses is documented in how the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners defended their indefensible position. Regardless that extensive mutilation of teeth to accommodate amalgam filling materials was discredited in the 1930s, organized dentistry has continued to embrace the dogma proposed in 1891 (that's not a misprint: 1891!)

The TSBDE continues to this day to support that disproven dogma, and the Texas dental universities refuse to protect their scientific research supporting conservative restorations. This easily leads to another obvious question: "If the Universities can't teach according to the scientific evidence and the TSBDE can't set modern standards for licensure, what do we need these organizations for? Time to defund these bureaucracies. Follow the "string" in the "Open Records Requests".

These are very complex subjects that are difficult to address in a written media. For a better understanding, go to our website and download our interviews that have been broadcast over the net.

How can the public implement change? Informed consent. Professionals in health care are ethically, legally, and morally **REQUIRED** to provide information regarding available procedures. This means that telling a parent that sealants have a 50% failure rate while there is an alternative procedure that approaches 100% success in stopping future decay is not an option. If sealants are recommended, then peer reviewed, alternative procedures must be offered. We also have never seen the predators who must fill their appointment books at the expense of the patient's health and safety that general anesthesia has been associated with "brain dysfunction" in adolescents (read: Children) nor that steroids can stop growth and shorten stature. (See: Articles: BrainDysfunction Informed Consent).

How egregious are these intentional omissions? We are now averaging several "rescue" kids a month. Kids whom the pediatric dentists have recommended general anesthesia that we successfully treat. You can see a typical "rescue" of a child by visiting our website and clicking on "Videos". Also, as is typical of these "second opinions", Stainless Steel crowns were prescribed for teeth that had no decay, and have not decayed in the three years since we first treated this child.

The lack of Informed Consent is typical in dentistry. We have recently treated two patients who had gone to the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School who adamantly refused amalgam fillings. Despite massive, massive evidence that amalgam and associated techniques are extremely damaging to teeth, these patients were ridiculed by the staff and had amalgam placed in their teeth despite their requests.

Dentistry will NOT CHANGE unless you, the patient force that change on this reluctant, self serving, unprofessional, and antiquated trade. If you think you, or more importantly, your child, has been damaged through treatment without being provided without an adequate “Informed Consent”, you may want to talk it over with an attorney.

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