

LiveWire

An Informational
Newsletter From the
Office and Staff of
Mori Orthodontics

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Orthodontics for
Adults and Children

A Note from Dr. Mori



Recently, I decided to upgrade the computer systems in the practice. You may have noticed the new check-in screen and computers at each

clinic chair. Our new system will provide many benefits to our patients and parents as we seek to provide great patient care in an efficient manner.

When a patient “checks in” at our reception area they are placed into our new PATIENT FLOW system. This system is coordinated with our schedule to allow each patient to be seen in the proper order. It also tells us which patients are next to be seen and how long they have waited for me to arrive at their chair. As we grow with this system our “on-time” schedule should improve so we can make the most of your valuable time. This will really help me to make the most of each patient’s treatment time.

Our new system has allowed us to enter the world of paperless charting. All new patients will be entered in this system and all prior patients have had their information scanned into the computer system. Every chart you see behind our reception area has already been scanned into the system. My team worked very hard to make this happen so quickly and I am grateful for their effort. Now, I have all information for each patient at any location in the practice.

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Recent Office Happenings-Flu Shot Party!

Dr. Mori and his team hosted their 2nd annual Flu Shot Party. To make the experience fun and memorable the office was decorated with an Italian theme. Local Dentists and their teams were invited to dine on an assortment of authentic Italian dishes over candlelight and music all while getting their flu shot. A great time was had by all!

A big thank you to Dr. Tamera Togliatti and her medical assistant, Cristin Butler, along with Ron Craycraft RPh. and Beth Craycraft RN for administrating the shots. Their expertise and gentle touch made the process painless. There were around 200 injections given.

Thanks Dr. Mori for helping to keep our Dental friends healthy.



Invisalign

It seems that recently you can barely turn on the radio or television without hearing ads for the new invisible braces that can straighten your teeth without anyone knowing you’re wearing them.

INVISALIGN. In truth, Invisalign treatment has been around for quite sometime, but recent advertising campaigns including the addition of Invisalign Teen and improved technology, have made this more popular with both potential patients and the orthodontist.

So what is Invisalign, and will it work for me? These are the two questions we are most frequently asked.

Invisalign treatment consists of a series of clear aligners that you wear for two weeks at a time. At the end of a two week period, you switch out the old and go to a new set. Each aligner is specifically designed with exact calculations to gradually move your teeth into place. The aligners are individually made just for you with a treatment plan designed by

the orthodontist. The number of sets of aligners and length of treatment, depends on the severity of the case.

To determine if Invisalign is an option for a patient, Dr. Mori performs a thorough exam including an x-ray and photographs. If he feels that the patient meets all the necessary criteria for Invisalign treatment, then it can be offered as a way to straighten the teeth, improve function and enhance the smile.

As with all orthodontic treatment, the result is directly affected by cooperation. The Invisalign aligners are found to be the most effective when worn 22 hours per day and removed only for eating and brushing. With this in mind, Invisalign teen was developed with compliance indicators located on the upper aligner. These indicators are designed to fade from blue to clear as a gauge of approximate wear time for the teen.

If you have any questions regarding Invisalign, Invisalign Teen, or any other Orthodontic Treatment, please ask any member of Dr. Mori’s team.



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We now have a fully integrated computer system in that our practice management system, scheduling system, our imaging and digital x-rays systems all work together. Our Televox patient reminder and T-Link systems also both work better with our new computer set-up. This will provide much faster access to our information at any location in the office and in time improve our patient communication systems.

As an Orthodontist I feel it is important for me to provide great, patient care in a friendly, efficient manner. To do this, great new technologies need to be added into my treatment systems when they become available. Our expanded computer system will provide me the platform to add items which will benefit our patients. We are now using digital study models via OrthoCad for all new patients. Access to the Invisalign treatment website is available at all clinic chairs. Each paperless chart contains all patient photos, radiographs and treatment plans and treatment notes so that I have every piece of information available to me at each patient's appointment.

With any change to systems developed over a long period of time there will be "growing pains". Your patience over the past weeks as we implement and develop new systems has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to the future when the full benefits of our system upgrade will be realized.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rick Mori

Patient News

Wedding Bells!

Lilian Baker-On August 9th, her boyfriend of 1½ years proposed to her and she said yes!

A wedding date of June 2010 has been set. We are so happy for you, Lilian!

A note from Proud Parents

Sam Miller- He is a High School freshman, studying at home. He joined a drama club called Stage Lefters. Sam will play the part of the father in the production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"- We are so proud of Sam!

Anamarie Black-Her parents are so proud of her doing well in school and her dedication to all her sports. She plays volleyball, basketball, swimming, soccer and softball. She also looks beautiful with her new braces on! Love Mom & Dad

Dylan Black-His 7th grade football team went undefeated and won the GWOC- Their record was 7-0. He also did a great job with his grades 1st quarter. PS. He still looks handsome even with his braces on too! Love Mom & Dad

Special Honors

Georgie Murdock made the National Junior Honor Society at Oakwood Jr. High School- You make us proud!

Caleb Tracy is in the 6th grade and is getting all A's & B's on his report slip-Keep it up Caleb!

Elizabeth Tracy got straight A's on her report card! Job well done!

Keyra Rutlin made honor roll and now is preparing to go to CJ for freshman year! How quickly you grew up!

Victoria Holzinger made the honor roll this quarter and celebrated getting her braces off on November 10, 2009. YES!

Special Teams

Regayn Lakes plays indoor soccer at Gateway and her team has won every game they have played so far. She has played soccer for 5 years and celebrated scoring her first goal ever on November 28, 2009. Way to go!

Nathaniel Fitterer- His U10 Celtic soccer team won the championship 4-5 at the BSA Haunted Classic Tournament. Team members-Nate, Shon, Carson, Kyle, Gavin, Noah, Kainep & Coach Haney-Congratulations Team!

Unusual Mishaps

Grace Takacs hurt her hamstring and couldn't dance for a long time. She is recovering and can now do the splits. It still hurts, but her chiropractor and parents are encouraging her to do the best she can. Grace will share with us once the pain is gone! We hope that is real soon, Grace.

Special thanks

Darnella Davis wanted to send out a special Thanks to Dr. Mori and his team. She has been going through some difficult times.

I truly thank you all and wanted you all to know you're the greatest, so keep me in your prayers.

Love Always

Our Team Up Close



Congratulations Bethany!

Congratulations to our newest team member Bethany on passing her Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam. This certification covers orthodontic assisting and infection control. It is recognized by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and is a requirement for all of Dr. Mori's clinicians. Nice Job Bethany, all your studying paid off.

We are proud of you and your dedication in making this happen.

Pass on a Smile!

Refer a friend or family member for a complimentary evaluation! Our practice continues to grow by referrals from our Patients.

Thank you for recommending us!



Gas Prices Getting You Down?

Enter your name to win a \$25 gas card from Speedway.

To Enter:

- You must have a driver's license.
- Completely fill out the form in the patient area (one entry per person please).

Each month two people will win.

Congratulations to the following winners!

- *October – Robin Smith, Rebekah McDowell*
- *November – Ellen Westendorf, Linda Livesay*
- *December – Kay Morrella, Yvonne Cherne*

Contest Corner

A Winter Wonderland

Just fill out your prediction in the unit of an inch and place your slip in the slot at the patient information desk.

Good luck!
Entering this contest will be a cinch!



Contest Winner

Trivia Contest Results

- 1) Yes, Dr. Mori was a Pharmacist before becoming an orthodontist
- 2) www.moriortho.com is our website
- 3) 7 staff members wear glasses
- 4) Dr. Mori is a lefty
- 5) Floss threaders and Platypus
- 6) The average wait time before an appointment is 1 minute.
- 7) False, everyone knows you should not chew gum with braces.
- 8) Pittsburgh Steelers. Is there any other team?
- 9) 32 Teeth
- 10) 8 good scores to receive a prize

Several of you had a perfect score, so a drawing was held and the winner was Brandon Mayforth. He won a bag filled with some great family board games. Thanks to everyone who played. It was fun to read all the answers.



Munchie Favorites - Brace Friendly Recipe

This is a recipe from the kitchen of our very own, Gina. Enjoy!

Eggs & Sausage Casserole (Serves 6)

½ lb Bob Evans sausage

6 Eggs

¾ cup milk

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup sharp cheddar cheese (grated)

1 cup garlic-onion flavored croutons
(tomato slices on top, if desired)

Heat oven to 325

- 1) Cook and stir sausage until brown, then drain.
- 2) Put sausage in the bottom of a greased 8 inch square baking dish.
- 3) Beat eggs, milk, and salt together in a bowl-stir in cheese
- 4) Pour over sausage
- 5) Cover with croutons
- 6) Bake uncovered for 30 minutes, or until knife comes out clean.
- 8) Let stand for 5-10 minutes before cutting.

This recipe can be tripled and placed in a 13x9 dish and serve up to 18 people.

Increase cooking time to 50 minutes

Do you have a Brace Friendly recipe you would like to share with all of us? Just drop it off at the front desk and we will try to get it in one of our newsletters.

We Want News About You

Help make our upcoming Newsletter a success! Share something about yourself- vacations, school activities, honors you've received, sports you play, births, weddings, etc.

Fill out a form in the office and place it in the mail box at our patient news station or email us at info@moriortho.com. We will put it in our next quarterly newsletter to share with all our patients.

Scheduling Corner: Please note our office is closed during our lunch hour each day and during our monthly staff meeting. If you would like to make a payment, a drop box is located to the left of our front door for your convenience. If you need to speak to someone, we have a call button, just press it and we will help you.

Office hours:

Monday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch:

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

From the Front Desk

A Little Poem About Broken Appointments

Please call and cancel the appointment if you're unable to attend,

So, we can call another patient and work them in.

We will gladly reschedule your day or time

For this service we will not charge you a dime.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you

So, when you don't show up it makes us all blue.

There is a \$20 charge for a broken appointment if you don't come

Please call to cancel, to charge you this fee makes us glum.



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Don't Forget to Visit Your Family Dentist-

It is important for all of our patients to continue to visit their family dentist every six months, even during orthodontic treatment. Your family dentist will help maintain healthy teeth by regular cleanings, examination for tooth decay and fluoride treatments.

Together we can provide complete dental care!

Reminder: When changing your general dentist, please let us know so we can update this change in your patient records.

