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*Advanced Dentistry of Spring...Bright,  
Healthy Smiles for the Entire Family*



# ADVANCED DENTISTRY OF SPRING... BRIGHT, HEALTHY SMILES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Newly Renovated Office, Same Great Dentistry and Patient-Centered Care

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**S**electing a dental practice that is right for you and your family can be difficult, but not if you look closely at Advanced Dentistry of Spring! Perfect for toddlers through seniors and everyone in between, Drs. Stephen Glass and Thomas Miller offer a complete array of services, providing the ultimate in convenience and peace of mind for their patients. Best of all, patients love the friendly, personalized care, experienced staff and high quality dentistry delivered with compassion and a gentle touch.

## MORE CONVENIENCE, LESS HASSLE

From preventive care to dental implants, cosmetic dentistry including porcelain veneers and crowns, teeth whitening, laser gum therapy, single-visit crowns, root canal therapy, dentures, wisdom teeth removal, oral cancer screening with in-office biopsies, and appliances for sleep apnea and snoring, Advanced Dentistry of Spring does it all. They even offer a variety of orthodontic services for youth and adults. Patients rest easy knowing that nitrous oxide and sedation dentistry are available as appropriate, and they love the team of experienced hygienists that helps keep their smiles clean and bright.

With a full complement of services, Advanced Dentistry of Spring usually controls all of the treatment aspects of a case without referrals. "Patients save time because they don't have to deal with referrals for services like for orthodontics, periodontal therapy,

prosthodontics or dental implants," said Dr. Glass, who is known for his down-to-earth personality and calm, reassuring chair-side manner. "They don't have to feel anxious about meeting a new dentist, or be concerned about extra costs such as paying for a separate consultation fee or additional imaging and X-rays."

How does Advanced Dentistry of Spring manage to offer so much in a single practice? In addition to their dedication to continuing education and staying up-to-date on the latest technology, materials and techniques, Drs. Glass and Miller have organized their staff to efficiently handle a variety of services.

"We have a great team. They are the backbone of everything we do and many have been with us for years," Dr. Glass stated. "We dedicate dental assistants to specific aspects of the practice so they become specialized in that area. This helps us provide an exceptional level of service."

## NEWLY RENOVATED OFFICE, LEADING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

Serving the Spring area since 1976, Advanced Dentistry of Spring was founded by Thomas C. Miller, DDS, FAGD. In 1999, Stephen Glass, DDS, FAGD, joined the practice and eventually acquired it from Dr. Miller who remains active in the practice. To better serve patients, the office recently underwent extensive remodeling. The décor was updated throughout, and the open area design was changed to individual treatment rooms.



"The building was built in the early 1980s and required a good deal of renovation. We did it in phases so we never had to close the office," Dr. Glass explained. "We've expanded from six to nine treatment areas and improved the lab/sterilization room area. At the same time, we modernized our office technology. We're completely digital now, including digital X-rays and 3-D panoramic imaging."

With the goal of helping patients achieve a beautiful smile and improving their oral health, Advanced Dentistry of Spring uses the latest technology to provide exceptional dentistry. Using the newest-generation CEREC CAD-CAM system, they offer chair-side restorations and porcelain crowns in just a single office visit. A small laser instrument called DIAGNOdent scans teeth for hidden decay. Intra-oral cameras are used so patients can see what Drs. Glass and Miller see, as they educate patients and explain recommended treatment plans.

"If we see something we would want as a patient, we try to add it to the practice, but we don't jump on the marketing hype bandwagon and add technology for technology's sake. It has to add value for our patients and it has to be effective," Dr. Glass added.

Periodontal therapy using the Periolas laser is a good example of how Dr. Glass provides advanced dentistry using state-of-the-art technology. He is one of the first dentists in the Greater Houston area to offer this service. Many adults suffer from periodontal disease that has progressed to a point where periodontal surgery is required to treat the condition. Traditional surgery involves cutting the gums with a scalpel and then stitching the tissue back together to heal. "Laser periodontal therapy allows me to treat gum disease without cutting the gums and using sutures. The laser kills the bacteria causing the periodontal disease and selectively removes the diseased tissue, leaving healthy tissue intact. Patients typically experience much less discomfort, and a quicker recovery than with traditional periodontal surgery."

#### **A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH, AMAZING RESULTS**

A new smile can boost your self-esteem and enhance your career opportunities and social life. It can even make you appear younger! With so many benefits and Advanced Dentistry of Spring's reputation for creating breath-taking smiles, it's no wonder patients choose to transform their smiles with services such as custom- >>



photos to be sure that the implants matched my other teeth and the shape of my smile. With so much prep work completed on the front end, when it came time to place the new teeth, it was so easy. Now people know something is different about me, but it's so subtle the effect is perfect."

Christina sees Dr. Glass for routine dentistry and to enhance her smile. She had 6-month braces to improve alignment and her teeth whitened with Deep Bleaching trays. "Dr. Glass was able to align my teeth and my bite," she said. "My teeth now look really good. The entire office staff is so nice and makes me feel comfortable."

Dr. Glass helped Richard regain his confidence and self-esteem with implant-retained dentures. "I didn't smile and show my teeth before, but now I can," Richard said. "Dr. Glass is such a perfectionist—along with his assistant Charlene—so concerned with how they fit and how I would look that they stayed long after hours just to make sure they were perfect. My whole family goes to Advanced Dentistry. I highly recommend Dr. Glass to anyone." 📍

A great dentist makes all the difference. Call Advanced Dentistry of Spring today and schedule a consultation.

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made porcelain veneers, porcelain crowns, orthodontics and teeth whitening. By utilizing digital panoramic and cephalometric x-rays, Dolphin Imaging Software, individual treatment rooms, and the latest techniques in orthodontics, Advanced Dentistry of Spring has the ability to give you the smile you always wanted.

"In our office we try to take a conservative approach to everything if possible," Dr. Glass stated. "That's why we offer 6 Month Braces as an alternative to traditional porcelain veneers. Porcelain veneers require removing tooth structure. For many patients, I find with the 6 Month Braces technique and Deep Bleaching, I can conservatively give the patient the smile they always wanted, and we never have to remove tooth enamel. Patients love that! In addition, we offer Invisalign for teens and adults, which is a clear aligner system that moves teeth without wires. We provide traditional braces for all patients too!"

### GIVING PATIENTS A REASON TO SMILE

Geneva lost four teeth in a childhood accident. Over the years she wore a bridge that had to be replaced and caused stress to the surrounding teeth. "Dr. Glass always tried to do what was most cost-effective and least invasive," Geneva said. There reached a point when she and Dr. Glass decided that dental implants, a permanent replacement for missing teeth, were the best solution. "I was never just a patient," Geneva said. "He didn't do anything without consulting with me first. Not only does his staff work so well together as a team, they include the patient too. He took extensive