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Most pressing dental emergencies are generally patient's focus

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When a house becomes engulfed in smoke and flames, firefighters rush to the scene.

How silly would it be if they all immediately turned their hoses on the front door of the burning house and no one ever checked other sides of the house or rooms to see where they were needed most?

That's the way many people handle their dental care. They only handle the most pressing emergency with no concern paid to preventative care for future visits themselves or other members of their family who may be able to head off more expensive and painful treatments in the future.

With the National Health Care plan passed by Congress last year and the fact that the bill may be overturned or overhauled this year, no one can really know what health care will look like in the long term.

"As a parent that is a great concern to me," said Dr. Rob Colt of Augusta Family Dentistry. "I am fortunate enough to be able to provide dental care for my child but what about medical care? There are a lot of questions right now."

One thing a person can do to deal with the questionable future is to begin a strategic treatment plan today.

"We believe that begins with a complete assessment of the oral health of the head of the household," Dr. Colt said. "We can make sure that dental problems don't go untreated until they become a serious risk to that person's employment or overall health."

After the head of the household is treated, it is important for each family member to be checked out, as well.

"Just like those firefighters check every room in the house to ensure that the biggest problems are handled first," Dr. Colt said. "We need to make sure that we know what problems exist now and what risks may be in the future so that any major changes to health insurance plans don't leave families in a time of need."

Dr. Colt had a patient in January who had a great deal of anxiety about what was going on with her dental health. After initial treatments, he asked about her children.

"You could tell she was relieved knowing that we were going to handle the right problems in the right order for her and her family," Dr. Colt said. "We had her in a stable, although temporary condition. We didn't want to do a lot of expensive work on her if her children would have needed orthodontics or other work. We treated the whole family, but it started with her."

CBCT Course at AFD Training Center this March

Cone Beam technology is one important aspect of diagnosis at Augusta Family Dentistry. That is why Dr. Mitsch and Dr. Colt will be training other dentists regarding this technology and the software used to effectively utilize CBCT on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at AFD Training Center.

"Patients have asked about our training center and we are glad they are enthusiastic as well that we have this opportunity to learn, to educate and to work with dentists from across the nation," stated Dr. Mitsch. "That was our main objective in opening AFD Training Center."

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St. Patty's Day Facts

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN FACTS!

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14.

Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second is for faith, the third is for love and the fourth is for luck.

St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast date of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history. St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland, and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

St. Patrick was born in 385 AD somewhere along the west coast of Britain, possibly in the Welsh town of Banwen. At age 16, he was captured and sold into slavery to a sheep farmer. He escaped when he was 22 and spent the next 12 years in a monastery. In his 30s, he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

34 million Americans have Irish ancestry. That's almost nine times the population of Ireland, which has 4.1 million people.

The harp is the symbol of Ireland.

The Irish flag is green, white and orange. The green symbolizes the people of the south, and orange represents the people of the north. White represents the peace that brings them together as a nation.

In Ireland, dental healthcare is principally provided by independent dental practitioners and by the community dental services (the school dentist) under the auspices of each health board.

WE'RE YOUR SMILE'S BIGGEST FANS!

Augusta Family Dentistry's registered dental hygienists Jamie, Vonda and Yoly would like to remind you just how important your six-month routine check-ups are! These check-ups allow our hygienists to clean your teeth and thoroughly check your teeth and gums for any problems that exist.

"Hygiene appointments are the best line of defense against oral health issues, including gingivitis, decay and oral cancer," explained Vonda. "We are your smile's biggest fans and that's why we're here!"



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