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## Microscope-Enhanced Dentistry Because Details Matter

**M**icroscope-enhanced dentistry has revolutionized early diagnosis and accuracy in caring for your teeth.

“The key to keeping your teeth is early detection of irreversible decay,” explains John Linstrom, a doctor of dental surgery in Medford. “I’ve seen how much people suffer when they are already symptomatic. If we identify the problem soon enough, we can usually save the tooth.”

For Linstrom, microscope-enhanced dentistry is at the heart of his preventive-based practice. He became fascinated with the use of microscopes as a diagnostic tool for early decay detection when he was a doctoral student at top-ranked University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry. When he opened his practice in Medford in 2000, he soon bought his first dental microscope.

“Once I got the microscope, the difference in my ability to accurately diagnose and treat patients was like night and day,” he says. “It was like turning the lights on in a room rather than feeling around. It was immediately clear to me

that the more magnification, the more accurate I could be.”

In each operatory, a microscope-mounted camera allows the patients and staff to see the same incredible view the doctor sees – live – in 4K video quality. “Patients say they are amazed and grateful to observe our commitment to precision,” says Linstrom. “This shared live view creates complete transparency, a true quantum leap beyond the traditional intra-oral camera. Using the microscope, we can detect and verify the presence of irreversible decay sooner than with conventional techniques, thereby giving the patient the option of treating the decay sooner, with the smallest restoration possible.”

In addition to being able to witness their treatment on screen, patients have privacy at Linstrom Family Dental, which has individual exam rooms. The office cultivates a relaxing atmosphere for all, says Linstrom, praising his dental team. “We have the best staff in town,” he says. “I hear that from patients almost daily. We have a group that cares very deeply about the quality of care provided and patient comfort.”

According to Linstrom, only about 2 percent of dentists in the country use microscopes in general dentistry, but that number will increase as dental schools

introduce the microscope to a new generation of dentists. Linstrom returned to UCLA to lecture on the benefits and application of the microscope.

Linstrom Family Dental accepts patients for general, restorative and cosmetic dentistry. The practice offers conscious sedation for those who want it, bills most dental insurance providers and is competitively priced. Linstrom was recognized in January 2019 as one of the Rogue Valley’s Favorite Dentists by “Sneak Preview” readers for the eighth year in a row.



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