

Dr. Neal,

Here is the interview you need to fill out for the buzymoms website.

Anna

----- Original Message -----

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 4:41 AM

Subject: An Interview featuring Dr. Phillip C. Neal as a dental expert on Bizymoms  
Crystal Lake

I am a general dentist, and have been in family dental practice in Crystal Lake for over 30 years. I have a practice providing the best possible care utilizing the latest technology, delivered very comfortably all under one roof. Our office is where an entire family can receive excellent dental care.

Professional Organizations

AGD, ADA, McHenry County Dental Society, ISDS, ICOI, AASM, AADSM, DOCS, Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, BBB

Office website is [www.drneal.com](http://www.drneal.com)

I live in Woodstock with my wife Shauna, and our 2 boxer dogs.

We offer all services including exam, oral cancer screening, caries detection, laser decay detection, digital x-rays, digital photography and imaging, cleanings, cosmetic makeovers, laser non surgical gum treatment, extractions, placement and restoration of dental implants, CEREC one visit CAD/CAM crowns, metal free dentistry, tooth colored fillings, veneers, bonding, bridges, partials, precision attached bridges, partials and dentures, Sleep apnea screening and oral appliances for sleep apnea, appliances for TMJ, appliances for bruxism, Snap-On-Smiles, home whitening, Zoom in office whitening, minor orthodontics, Invisalign. Dentistry for adults and children including fluoride treatment, sealants etc.. We offer anxiety free dentistry utilizing oral pre-medications and nitrous oxide (laughing gas).

We accept most insurance. Plan specifics vary. The specifics of your plan can be discussed with our business assistants.

Office hours include Monday 12-8, Tuesday 9-6, Wednesday 8-5, Thursday 9-6

We have a variety of payment options including no interest plans for 12 or months, prepay bookkeeping discount, senior discount, and more.

A denture is a prosthesis replacing all of the teeth in one or both jaws. They are

custom designed and fitted to give you a nice smile, an good bite, and comfort. Dentures replace both hard and soft tissue lost after tooth removal. They help support the lower face giving a more youthful appearance.

Denture adhesives come in 3 forms:

Paste

Powder

Strips

They are used to help grip the denture and often are needed when the jaw shape is insufficient to hold the denture in place for eating and speech. Some patients need to use a denture adhesive from the first day they start wearing a denture due the anatomy of the jaws. If a patient has a denture that used to fit but no longer fits the same, a denture adhesive can be used to stabilize it. This however may indicate that it is time to visit the dentist and see if a reline or replacement denture is indicated as the jaw continues to change shape over time.

Cosmetic dentures require a series of steps to make over the span of a month or more. This is due to the fact that, one or more try-ins of the denture baseplate (mockup) are needed to verify proper lip position, tooth position, bite, tooth shape and color are selected. Photos of the mockup are sometimes taken so the patient can show others and think about the setup prior to completion.

Alternatives to cosmetic dentures may include a budget denture where a lower quality of teeth is used and a few steps are eliminated to lower cost.

Other alternatives include implant supported dentures both fixed, or snap in. These implant supported dentures allow the patient much improved stability, and a stronger bite. They also help preserve the underlying bone.

Some people find dentures an easy transition, but some struggle with the feel and stability. Often the success of the denture is determined by the cosmetic improvement, bite stability and patient determination. If a patient is replacing an existing denture and has good anatomy, the new denture should be very comfortable. If however a patient is having an immediate denture placed, after extractions, they will experience several adjustment appointments for sore spots as well as the need for a soft reline and a hard reline within the first 12 months. Smokers and diabetics have more difficulty adjusting to a denture due to the body's poorer healing ability and lower pain threshold.

A conventional denture is delivered to a patient who has either had a denture or has healed after tooth removal for more than 12 months prior to fabrication. It usually has a much better fit and feel due to the stability of the jawbone.

An immediate denture is placed at the time of tooth extraction, and is the most

common method of denture placement. Since the patient has fresh extractions, the bone is going to undergo a lot of remodeling over the following 12 months. The result is more visits to adjust the denture as the bone settles.

Sincerely

Phillip C. Neal DDS

Hello Dr. Phillip C. Neal,

Thank you for your email to confirming your willingness to complete interview. I have listed below the interview questions.

The purpose of this interview is to help moms, as moms typically are responsible for their personal and their families' dental care. We have tried to ask a few questions that we think will add value to moms, as well as questions that will help moms learn a bit about your specific practice. Please complete the interview and send it back to me as soon as possible.

1. Tell us about yourself and your practice.
2. Please explain the basic services you offer.
3. What types of insurance do you accept?
4. What are your office hours?
5. What payment options do you offer?
6. What are dentures?
7. Why should I use a denture adhesive?
8. What types of cosmetic dentures are possible?
9. How long do cosmetic dentures take to make?
10. What are the alternatives to cosmetic dentures?
11. Are dentures uncomfortable or painful to wear?
12. What's the difference between conventional dentures and immediate dentures?

Please note questions 6 through 12 would be featured in the interview page. Questions 1 through 5 will help us better position you to our audience as part of our marketing outreach.