

Practice news

Happy New Year to all

Our aim is to update you with the developments in the practice and provide you education and information about oral health. Your views and suggestions on how we can make your experience more pleasant at the practice are very welcome. There is a suggestions box at the practice, or you can simply write to us. We are very pleased to say that your following suggestions have been implemented:

Ceiling TVs in each treatment room to enable you to enjoy TV during treatment

Separate children's play area

Complimentary tea and coffee in the lounge

Up-to-date and wider choice of magazines

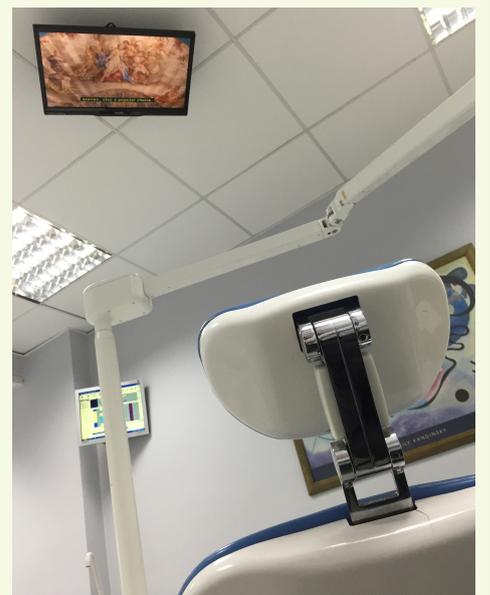
Dental Plans

We have many finance and dental plans to suit your needs such as:

- Pay as you go
- "Practice Plan" and "Denplan", where you pay monthly fee and get essential dentistry covered under the plan and receive additional discounts for other treatment not covered under the plans
- We work with a company called "Dental Finance", who may be able to offer you monthly payment options to make your treatment more affordable. We are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority to allow this.
- We continue to see children and exempt adults under the NHS
- We continue to provide NHS treatment to staff of Croydon University Hospital as nominated staff dentists to the Trust

Special Children's week during school holidays.

Check with reception.



Additions and Improvements

We recently upgraded our old panoramic Xray machine to a Cone Beam CT machine. This provides us with the facility to perform in-house 3-d scans of the jaws, which is immensely useful for safe and predictable implant treatment, amongst other things. This avoids patients having to make an additional trip to central London imaging centres. We accept referrals from other practices who wish to benefit from this also.

Each surgery also has special cameras fitted to allow us to take photos of your teeth. This can be invaluable to help show and explain difficult problems associated with your teeth.

We also have a Dental Microscope (used by our Endodontic Specialist) to help in those very complicated root canal cases. Such specialised equipment can often be the difference between success and failure with root canal treatment and ultimately whether a tooth can be saved or not.



You can now enjoy complimentary tea and coffee in the lounge



Notice to patients emails and texts

The practice regularly communicates with its patients by email or SMS text to confirm appointments. We will not, without your permission, communicate to you any personal information or any other information regarded as confidential such as treatment and treatment plans, via email or text message. Also please be assured, you can opt out from receiving these communications at any time.

If you do not wish us to contact you by e mail please inform us in writing so we can modify our data base accordingly. We will acknowledge and implement your request within 14 days and sooner if possible.

We will never share your contact details with others, without your permission.

Patient Handbook

To all adult patients booking a check up in Feb/March (until stocks last)

Published 2012, A5 format, 40 pages. This book has been written by the staff of M K Vasant and Associates.

Retail price **£4.95**

Our specialists and general dentists

Dr Manny Vasant and Dr Ronuk Vasant are both specialists in Prosthodontics, and currently the only two in the Borough of Croydon. Ronuk has recently been recognised as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy due to his experience in teaching post-graduates.

Dr John Duker continues as our specialist in Oral Surgery. Dr Elena Taliotti is our specialist in Periodontology, but sadly will be leaving us shortly as she is returning to her native Cyprus. We wish her all the best for her future there. Dr Navid Saberi is currently a specialist trainee in Endodontics, and has limited his practice to Endodontics. He is currently on a sabbatical, and in his place is Specialist Endodontist Dr Hamed Sarrafi. Congratulations to Dr Meera Gupta, who has completed her Diploma in Restorative Dental Practice at the Eastman Dental

Institute. She is weeks away from being awarded an MSc in the same subject. Congratulations also to Dr Raj Bolaky who completed his MSc in Restorative and Aesthetic Dentistry.

Dr Ranj Nath continues with us, and Dr Rupali Patel returns to the practice after gaining further experience in the hospital service. Dr Lucy McGowan qualified in July 2015 from Liverpool Dental School, and joined us in September 2015.

Our staff

We have had many staff changes in recent years. Susanna is now our Lead Dental Nurse. Our other qualified dental nurses include Krishna, Anna, Bindu, Fizzian and Felicia. We also have with us Luam, Sophia and Jetta as trainee dental nurses. Ruth continues as Practice Manager and she has recently been joined on reception by Aga, who has settled into her role very quickly. Ben Shorten and Emma McDonald continue as our dental hygienists.

Tooth Whitening

Do not be a victim of illegal dentistry! You may be harmed!

It is the General Dental Council (GDC) view that applying materials and carrying out procedures designed to improve the aesthetic appearance of teeth amounts to the practice of dentistry, as governed by the Dentists Act 1984. So too does the giving of clinical advice about such procedures. Anyone who practises dentistry illegally risks being prosecuted by the GDC in the criminal courts.

To report someone illegally practising dentistry email illegalpractice@gdc-uk.org or contact the GDC's Illegal Practice Team by calling **0845 222 4141**.

To report a breach of the UK cosmetic regulations in relation to the sale of whitening products to non-dentists, or because the first application of a whitening product was by a non-dentist visit the Trading Standards Institute website to find details of the nearest Local Authority Trading Standards Department. For further info, please see the leaflet "Considering Tooth Whitening?", which is found on the GDC website.

Want to improve the plaque control of you and your family?

Quite simply invest in Disclosing Dye tablets available at reception £2.00 for 8 tablets.

Simply chew the tablets to reveal the plaque and brush off - ideal to check if your children have brushed well, or as a self-check!

