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COST CONCERNS SHOULDN'T EFFECT GOOD HEALTH DECISIONS

Dr. Marvin A. Fier offers Free Initial Consultation

Pomona, NY (March 23, 2009) While many Americans are bracing for news of additional layoffs and benefit cutbacks, family decision makers are concerned about maintaining good quality health care. Dr. Marvin A. Fier, DDS, FASDA, cautions about eliminating routine oral health care visits. In the long run cutting back on visits to the dentist can lead to increased health care costs.

“The mouth is connected to the rest of the body, and most people don’t realize that,” states Fier, “When consumers decide to skip their routine oral exams, this often leads to having small problems become big ones. A small cavity can become so large that it causes infections and tooth loss. Gum and bone disease and other serious and potentially painful issues that cost you much more in the long run can also be avoided by having regular oral exams.”

Free Initial Consultation

Fier announced today that both his Rockland & Westchester offices would provide free initial consultations for people new to both offices between now and April 30. “I’m pleased to provide this service to our community. If this free consultation encourages people to take the next step which is a comprehensive examination and appropriate x-rays, this can help many to seek the care they might not otherwise get. “Our goals are early detection of problems and providing preventive care to help people minimize future dental repair costs.”

Women’s Health

In women’s health issues, for example, a thorough routine exam can help detect early signs of oral cancer, heart disease – the number one killer of women in the U.S. today, and diabetes or osteoporosis. Mothers with poor oral health run a significantly higher risk of delivering babies prematurely. Dr. Steven Offenbacher, professor at the University of North Carolina, found that mothers with periodontal (*gum & bone*) disease were seven times more likely to deliver preterm, low birth weight babies.

Men's Health

For men, a thorough routine dental examination is imperative. A dentist can detect early warning signs of osteoporosis by noting bone loss around teeth. Preventive maintenance can help avoid tooth loss, and early detection of any type of cavity can help a man keep his own teeth and avoid costly replacement teeth.

Children & Youth

For children the early visit is vital. Dental visits and a good oral health routine at an early age, affect a child's overall health in many ways. If a good oral health routine is instilled at an early age, healthy smiles are likely to last a lifetime.

Financing Options

During these uncertain financial times, it remains important to keep within a budget. To facilitate patients having the care they need and deserve, Dr. Fier offers many financial options: Cash, check and major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted. Dr. Fier's practice accepts most benefit plans towards payment. With patients who have insurance benefits or a Flexible Spending account, they'll work on maximizing your benefits. All questions regarding benefit plans, will be answered at Dr. Fier's office at (845) 354-4300..

Dr. Fier is a graduate of New York University College of Dentistry and maintains private practices in Pomona and Yonkers. He is a renowned lecturer both in the United States and internationally, a contributing editor for Dentistry Today and Reality, and has appeared in the Cosmetic Dentists section of New Beauty magazine, a publication devoted to appearance- related procedures. Dr. Fier has practiced dentistry in the New York metropolitan area for more than 30 years. To learn more about his cosmetic, family, and implant dentistry visit www.SmileRockland.com, or www.drfierdds.com, or call (845) 354-4300 in Rockland and (914) 237-8700 in Westchester. The Rockland office is conveniently located in Pomona at 972 Route 45, and the Westchester practice is at 928 McLean Avenue, Yonkers.