

Welcome to our office. We are flattered that you are considering us to be your dental provider. We hope you will like our approach to clinical dentistry and will make this office your dental home.

We think the best way to begin a relationship with you is to tell you a little bit about us. Then, we want you to tell us about yourself and what you want from us.

Dr. Clements began practicing dentistry in Valdosta in 1980 after graduating from the Medical College of Georgia. Although many people think Dr. Clements is a specialist, he practices General Dentistry. In 1996, Dr. Clements began the formal study of cosmetic dentistry with the nation's top 2 cosmetic dentists. Those studies led to Dr. Clements joining the faculty of the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies (LVI) in 2000. The owner of LVI recognized his hand skills and artistic eye. Dr. Clements was a Senior Clinical Instructor at LVI for six years. Dr. Clements continues to teach dentists from around the country and the world how to do cosmetic dentistry and bite reconstruction in live patient care courses.

Dr. Clements' advanced knowledge and expertise in cosmetic dentistry and the treatment of bite disease (TMJ) make us three different offices in one facility.

## **General Dentistry**

These are the services a patient would expect to receive from any general dentist. General dentistry includes fillings, crowns, cleanings, and emergency dentistry. Our general dental exam evaluates your teeth for decay and failing dental restorations. Clinically, we examine your mouth and face for any abnormalities such as cysts or tumors. With x-rays, we check for abscesses, impacted teeth, and bone health. Any problems with gum disease are noted in this exam.

## **Aesthetic Dentistry**

Cosmetic dentistry involves smile makeovers on the teeth that show when you smile. A smile makeover can make you look 10 years younger and can greatly boost your self-esteem. Aesthetic dentistry includes cosmetic improvement for your back teeth as well. Dr. Clements is a nationally acknowledged expert in this aspect of dentistry. Other dentists from our area and across the Southeast come to him for their smile makeovers.

Smile makeovers and back-tooth aesthetics need to be carefully planned for the type of material involved, the number of teeth involved, as well as the final color and shape of the teeth.

## **Functional Dentistry**

Functional dentistry deals with bite problems, TMJ, and pain. When we perform functional dentistry, we are improving a patient's bite, improving the way the muscles and joints work together to bring the teeth together. We routinely expect to relieve most pain above the collarbone including headaches and neck pain. Permanent bite treatment frequently includes aesthetic enhancement.

Correcting bite problems and relieving TMJ symptoms are the hardest things to do in dentistry. Dr. Clements is considered one of the best clinicians available with his neuromuscular approach to these procedures.