

## Menu of Services

### **Cosmetic Dentistry-**

Porcelain veneers, space closure, teeth whitening, and bleaching of discolored/traumatized teeth

### **Endodontics-**

Molar, bicuspid and anterior root canal therapy, pulp vitality testing, whitening of discolored / traumatized teeth

### **Fixed Prosthodontics-**

Replacement of missing teeth, crowns and bridges, bonded bridges, inlays, onlays, post and core buildups

### **Implant Services-**

Consultation, treatment plan and restoration for stand alone implants, bridge implants, and implant retained partials and dentures

### **Orthodontic Treatment-**

Diagnosis of needed orthodontic intervention for adults and children, minor tooth movement/ minor anterior crossbite correction/retainer services

### **Periodontal Therapy-**

Scaling, root planning and maintenance, Arestin antibiotic therapy, plaque and tartar control

### **Preventative Treatment-**

Hygiene visits, sealants, home care instruction, dietary and caries intervention

### **Removable Prosthodontics-**

Fabrication and adjustment of dentures and partials, relines, repairs/replacement of broken or missing teeth

### **Restorative-**

Treatment of decay using conventional and tooth colored restorations

### **Surgical Procedures-**

Wisdom teeth and other teeth extractions, alveoloplasty, biopsies and other soft tissue surgical procedures

### **Temporo-Mandibular Joint Therapy-**

Treatment of cranio-facial pain and jaw problems, bite appliances and night guards

### **Other Services-**

Athletic mouth guards, smoking cessation, Vizilite oral cancer screening

## How to find us.

Take I-26 to St. Andrews Road exit (106A). Go to 5th traffic light (approx. 2 miles) bear to the right (fork in the road) onto Leisure Lane. Go 1 block and turn right into side entrance for shopping center. We are the third building on the left.



**Business Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

### Curriculum Vitae

As a General Dentist, Dr. Pitts has earned the reputation of being committed to the needs of his patients and providing the quality and attention to detail that is so hard to find in today's fast paced world. His warm personal approach to dental care in combination with his technical expertise appeals to patients of all ages.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Pitts received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina, then earned his D.M.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina School of Dentistry. Upon completion of his formal education, Dr. Pitts was selected to participate in the General Residency program at the Medical University of South Carolina. This two year program expanded Dr. Pitts knowledge and proficiency in several fields of dentistry which now allows him to provide a wide diversity of services to his patients.

Dr. Pitts established his Leisure Lane practice in 1990. He is committed to an ongoing regime of continuing education to stay abreast of ever-evolving technology and procedures, and has achieved status to become a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. He is also a member of the South Carolina Dental Association, The Central District Dental Association, and the American Dental Association.

*Thomas H. Pitts, D.M.D.*

*Enhancing Life one smile at a time.*

## General, Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry



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## Our Commitment

Welcome to our practice and thank you for choosing us to provide your dental care. We are aware that there were many options available to you in seeking a dentist, and we consider it a privilege that you chose us. Our commitment to you is the same—a our dedicated style of quality care and attention to detail. This style of Personal Care allows me to develop a strong doctor-patient relationship. You will receive exceptional care in a small private practice, where discussing your needs with the doctor is the norm, rather than the exception. We look forward to a relationship of mutual trust and respect that will prove satisfying to you for years to come.



**Smile Style!**  
Start your day with a smile.

### For Yourself

In keeping with our practice philosophy of treating the entire person, you will be attended to by highly skilled professionals who take your dental health seriously and personally. As a new patient, your visit to our practice will begin with the;

## Initial Examination and Dental Health Evaluation

A comprehensive, preventative-oriented examination of your mouth will be performed. This includes a detailed analysis of the teeth, soft tissue, alignment, bite and existing restorations. Complete records including images, x-rays and models may be taken. All of this information will be carefully evaluated to accurately assess your dental needs. A personalized treatment plan will be formulated to enable you to restore and maintain superb oral health. We think you will agree that the examination appointment is time well spent.

## Oral Hygiene Care and Education Consultation

We consider this visit extremely important in informing the patient of his or her specific oral needs. You will receive a thorough cleaning, as well as information on brushing and flossing and how to care for your teeth and gums properly at home.

## Treatment Plan and Consultation

You will receive an outline of your dental evaluation and plan for treatment. Immediate needs, as well as long term objectives will be outlined along with a cost estimate. Our recommendations will be based upon a goal of your receiving maximum longevity from your natural teeth. Questions are encouraged throughout your diagnostic, hygiene and treatment plan process, so your next step; operative care, is taken with total understanding.

## Operative Care

Every effort will be made to perform the maximum dentistry in as few, well planned appointments as practical. We will attempt to make these visits as comfortable and pleasant as possible. The length of treatment time will vary, depending on the severity of the original condition, oral home care, and most importantly, your active participation throughout treatment.

## Preventive Oral Hygiene Care

After your comprehensive exam, and cleaning you will be placed on a 3, 4 or 6 month maintenance schedule.



**About face!**  
You'll never see our best work. You're not supposed to.

## Appointments

We recognize that your time is extremely valuable. We ask that you arrive a few minutes early to each appointment. Your reserved appointment time is dedicated solely to you based on treatment recommended. Consequently, you will seldom have to wait because we do not overbook appointments. Our individually dedicated scheduling process is a time saving feature for your benefit that makes this practice unique and special for our patients, but it also makes missed appointments catastrophic for us. For this reason, it is imperative

that you DO NOT miss an appointment. Please make sure that the appointment you schedule is one you will be able to keep. Also remember that arriving late for an appointment can cause lengthy delays for each patient following your treatment time. If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, we ask



**The color of White!**  
Whiter, brighter teeth, ask us how.

that you call us at least 48 hours in advance. Because of the specialized treatment we provide, we cannot tolerate any missed appointments or any appointments canceled at the last minute. If this occurs, a \$30.00 service charge per appointment and possibly a 10% setup fee for special treatment will apply.

## For Your Family

We treat patients ages 2 to 102. If you are seeking treatment for your child, the American Dental Association encourages children to visit the dentist around age two. We have found this very valuable in acclimating children with good oral hygiene habits, as well as identifying existing or potential problems early. We also use these early visits to educate parents in the care of their children's teeth. Unlike most offices, we do permit the parent to accompany their child to the treatment area on the first visit if necessary. We do request that on subsequent visits, that parents wait in our reception area.

## For Your Good Health

Since the opening of our practice we have followed strict infection control guidelines. We use "barrier protection: with masks, eyeglasses, gloves and other coverings to prevent any possible transfer of infectious agents between staff and patients. Our office is also equipped with the most sophisticated instrument sterilization systems available today. After each use, instruments undergo a rigorous sterilization process, beginning with a germ killing chemical "bath" and ending in the Autoclave, a pressurized heat sterilization device. In addition, we treat surfaces, equipment and items touched by us or patients with a strong disinfectant to kill infectious micro-organisms.

We want you to be aware of our efforts in providing a safe dental care environment. We are proud of our hygienic procedures and are confident you will agree that they provide the peace of mind you deserve.

