

Results in Review

Newsletter for referring dental professionals

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Patients with Complex Dental Conditions Benefit when Dentists Collaborate

For over 20 years, the Blende Dental Group has partnered with the dental community to treat patients who require I.V. Sedation or General Anesthesia for their dental treatment.

This includes patients with severe phobias, disabilities, or those who are medically compromised (ASA class II, III, and IV). We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for partnering with us to create a safety net for these at-risk patients.

Our collaborative approach includes the following services:

- Full Spectrum of Sedation Options - from nitrous oxide to general anesthesia
- Team of Specialists - including endodontists, periodontists, oral surgeons and pediatric dentists
- Treatment Plans for complete definitive full-mouth restoration
- Speed to Treatment: from call to completion in as few as 4 days!
- Compassionate Staff trained to support special needs and phobics
- House Calls to those who cannot travel (www.bahcd.com)
- Return of Patient to Referring Dentist for routine care

Your Resource, The Blende Dental Group

When a patient has needs that fall outside the scope of your practice, we welcome the opportunity to partner with you. For example, you may have a practice that utilizes oral conscious sedation, but may encounter a patient who is too medically compromised. Or perhaps you may receive a call from someone who is seeking treatment for his mother who is suffering from Alzheimer's dementia and is uncooperative. Collaborating with us to support a patient who requires that occasional visit for treatment utilizing I.V. Sedation or General Anesthesia gives the patient a practical and predicable result.

When you partner with the Blende Dental Group, the patient remains in your control. We will work with you to develop a treatment plan, and return the patient to you for follow-up and routine care. If you are not certain about the referral, please feel free to simply call us for a consult.



Carla Caramat, Sedation Care Manager with patient Sharon Viola

"From my initial visit, I was treated with dignity and compassion. Drs. Blende and Itani understood my apprehension about the extensive procedures that I was undertaking. Although, it took a year to come to completion, I am very happy with the "new me." I would highly recommend Drs. Blende and Itani to anyone who is interested in having this procedure."

- Sharon Viola, patient

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What Can We Do for You?

Most dentists offer nitrous oxide, many offer oral conscious sedation, some offer I.V. sedation and a few offer general anesthesia. The Blende Dental Group offers all of these. If you should encounter a patient who is beyond the scope of the services you provide, we welcome your referral.

Thank you!

As a thank you to the dental community for your continuing partnership, we would like to extend a complimentary examination and consultation to patients you refer.

Case Study: Implant-supported acrylic hybrid overdenture prosthesis



Sharon Viola, 61, was referred to the Blende Dental Group by her friend, an existing patient of our office. This manager of a Safeway store here in the Bay Area faced the public every day at work, yet she had not seen a dentist for more than 10 years due to severe phobia. In fact, Sharon was so phobic that she had her sister call our office just to schedule her consultation appointment. At that point, she was missing several teeth, and the ones that remained had severe decay.

Many years before, Sharon had witnessed the deterioration of her father's oral health. His teeth had been extracted and he had a set of dentures that didn't fit very well. Sharon remembers watching her father's embarrassment as he spoke, and the way he would cover his mouth with his hand.

She knew that she didn't want to be embarrassed in the same way, or to worry about dentures not staying in place as she got older. Her sister's success with an implant-supported lower denture provided the inspiration for Sharon to try a full-mouth, permanent solution. Her goal was "to get a new set of teeth" that would provide her with peace of mind, long-term success, and a fantastic smile - which she got!

Pre-Treatment



Post-Treatment



The Treatment Plan:

Phase 1: I.V. sedation
Endosteal implants: 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 20, 22, 27, 29
Extraction tooth/root: 7, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27
Transitional upper and lower overdentures

Phase 2:
Healed implants uncovered
Final upper and lower framework try-in

Phase 3:
Final delivery of upper and lower overdentures

Clinical Interdisciplinary Team

Dr. David Blende & Dr. Samer Itani
(implant restoration & prosthetics)

Dr. Michael Barkin
(implant placement and oral surgery)

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