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New dental procedures ease tension

Megan Frounfelter, The Huron Daily Tribune
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CASS CITY — Those who find themselves squeamish at the sound of a dentist's drill may find comfort with advanced laser procedures offered at the office of James Thomas and R. Paul Chappel. <> Thomas, D.D.S., M.S., uses the Biolase Dental Laser for gum hygiene and dental hygienists use the Diode Laser for preparing the teeth, Thomas said.

Thomas uses the Biolase Dental Laser in addition to cleaning because it kills the bacteria that causes gum disease.

"It increases the health of the gums," Thomas said. "We've seen tremendous success in treating gum disease."

The Diode Laser is used for filling small cavities without the use of a drill and is used in other dental procedures such as root canals, Thomas said. The laser filling procedure often eliminates the use of a dentist's drill and usually eliminates a numbing shot, Thomas said. Gums and soft tissues also heal faster with the laser procedures.

"The tooth is a lot more comfortable after the laser procedure," Thomas said. Office staff is also able to treat cold soars with lasers and offers laser teeth whitening, Thomas said.

Thomas earned a certification in the operation of both lasers and four of the office's hygienists received certification on the Diode Laser.

The staff began using the lasers in the office after the Centers for

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Dental Medicine contacted Thomas. Thomas researched the various lasers and decided to incorporate them into his dental procedures.

The laser procedures are not typically covered under most insurance providers because the procedures are considered advanced and not customary, Thomas said. However, the office works to keep the costs down for the patients, he said. Thomas earned a bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University in biomedical engineering, a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in biomedical engineering and his dental degree from University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Thomas currently serves as the president of the Northern Thumb District of the Michigan Dental Association and is a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of Dentistry, Chicago Dental Society and Michigan Dental Association. Chappel, D.D.S., received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his dental degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Chappel is a member of the American Dental Association, Michigan Dental Association and the Saginaw Valley District of the Michigan Dental Association.

The office offers advanced dental care for children and adults, including dentures and dental implants, crowns, bridges and veneers, teeth whitening procedures, root canals and low-dose digital x-rays.

The office, located at 6240 Hill Street, accepts patients from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The office is also open from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month from September to May. For further information or to schedule an appointment, contact (989) 872-3870. Individuals may also visit www.asmileforlife.com or www.centersfordentalmedicine.com.

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