



# Parkcrest DENTAL GROUP

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**WHY CHOOSE PARKCREST  
DENTAL FOR KIDS & FAMILIES?**

# Hey, Mom or Dad...

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It's never too early to start your child on the road to good dental health and oral hygiene.

There are several reasons why, which we'll get into later. Right now, let's explore why Parkcrest Dental Group is the place for your child.



*Did you know the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that children have their first visit to the dentist by their first birthday?*

## **DEDICATED STAFF**

The dedicated pediatric team at Parkcrest Dental will make you and your child feel welcome and at ease from the moment you walk in the door!

Feel free to bring your own games, puzzles, or coloring books for your youngster.

Upon arrival, we'll get you and your child in to see the doctor as soon as we can. One of our skilled pediatric dental assistants will talk to you to explain the process and begin the appointment ahead of the doctor's arrival to make sure everything is ready.

Our examination rooms have bright colors on the walls and we can play kid-friendly movies on wall-mounted screens so kids feel comfortable and relaxed during their visit. Our team will work with your child throughout the appointment to help them feel at ease.

## **DR. STUART SCOTT**

Dr. Stuart Scott is a dedicated pediatric dentist on staff at Parkcrest Dental Group. A resident of Springfield for nearly 30 years, his experience, knowledge, and expertise in the field of pediatric dentistry are extensive.

Dr. Scott is licensed by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry to practice dentistry in Missouri as a board-certified specialist in Pediatric Dentistry.

In addition, Dr. Scott has Fellowship status in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the International College of Dentists.

He is also a member of the American Dental Association, Missouri Dental Association and is a past president within the Greater Springfield Dental Society. Dr. Scott holds hospital privileges with both Mercy and Cox Hospitals and at the C. Rex Witherspoon Surgery Center in Springfield.

# Frequently Asked Questions

*As a parent, you have a lot of questions ahead of seeking dental care for your child. We've outlined some common questions and answers to set your mind at ease about bringing your little one in for an appointment.*

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## HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR THEIR FIRST DENTIST APPOINTMENT?

Maintaining a positive attitude is the best preparation you can do for your child's first visit to Parkcrest Dental Group office. Children pick up on adults' apprehensions. If you make negative comments about trips to the dentist, you can be sure that your child will fear an unpleasant experience and act accordingly.

You can share stories through books about first dental visits to the dentist or even show your child pictures of the office and staff on the website. Let your child know that it's important to keep their teeth and gums healthy and that the dentist will help them do that.

Dr. Scott is specially trained to handle fears and anxiety. Our staff excels at putting children at ease from the moment they walk in the door and during treatment.

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## WHAT HAPPENS DURING MY CHILD'S FIRST VISIT TO THE DENTIST?

We work to make the first visit a pleasant experience for kids. In most cases, we focus on getting to know your child and giving you some basic information about dental care. Our team will work with your child to get any necessary dental films, and clean your child's teeth.

Dr. Scott will check teeth for placement and health, and will look for any potential problems with the gums and jaw. We will also answer any questions you have about caring for your child's teeth as they develop. If you have any questions, we can also provide you with materials containing helpful tips for caring for your child's teeth at home.

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### HOW IS A PEDIATRIC DENTIST DIFFERENT FROM OTHER DENTISTS?

All dental specialists (pediatric dentists, orthodontists, oral surgeons, and others) begin by completing dental school, then continue their education with several years of additional specialized training. During training in pediatric dentistry, Dr. Scott gained extensive knowledge and experience in treating infants, children, and adolescents. Pediatric dentists, such as Dr. Scott, enjoy working with children and bring each patient our expertise in childhood development and behavior.

Because our office focuses on young visitors, you'll find that our staff and our office design, decorations, and activities all work together to provide an especially friendly and comfortable environment for children.

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### BABY TEETH AREN'T PERMANENT. WHY DO THEY NEED SPECIAL CARE?

Although they don't last as long as permanent teeth, your child's first teeth play an essential role in their development. While they're in place, these primary teeth help your little one speak, smile, and chew properly.

They also hold space in the jaw for permanent teeth. If a child loses a tooth too early (due to damage or decay), nearby teeth may encroach on that space, resulting in crooked or misplaced permanent teeth.

Also, your child's general health is affected by the oral health of the teeth and gums. In short, your child's healthy teeth can promote better health at the start of their lives, which can lead to improved health in their adult years!

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### HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY CHILD VISIT THE DENTIST?

We generally recommend scheduling checkups every six months. Depending on the circumstances of your child's oral health, we may recommend more frequent visits.

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# Dental Habits

## DEVELOP ORAL HYGIENE HABITS EARLY

A visit to Parkcrest Dental Group can help you and your child develop good oral hygiene habits early in their life. Those habits turn into lifelong patterns that lead to strong teeth, healthy gums, and excellent oral hygiene well into old age.

Seeing our pediatric dentist offers one way to get your child interested and excited about caring for their teeth. Of course, they will be even MORE enthusiastic about it when you show them how excited and proud you are about taking care of your youngster's teeth.

Dr. Scott and his team are always here for you, and we'll always answer your questions about your child's oral hygiene and dental health.

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# About Parkcrest Dental Group

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Parkcrest Dental Group team has been committed to serving Springfield and the surrounding areas with exceptional dental care for the whole family since 1974. Our team of dental professionals takes care of you with full cosmetic restorations. Our dedication to providing the best in patient care and satisfaction remains strong. Come experience the Parkcrest difference today and see how we make having great smiles easy. We are here to serve you!

## CONTACT US

Fill out our handy contact form to schedule an appointment, or call [\(417\) 887-1220](tel:4178871220) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to talk to someone about improving your smile with cosmetic dentistry.

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## WHO WE ARE

Our pediatric dentist, combined with our support associates, are highly trained to provide your child with the quality care they deserve. We'll make sure your youngster is comfortable throughout the appointment, from the moment you walk in the door until the time you leave. Because we love our patients at Parkcrest Dental Group, we treat everyone like an individual, ensuring that your child's treatment is specifically designed to provide dentistry that is right for your youngster.

## OUR MISSION

Here at Parkcrest Dental Group, we make it our mission to be dedicated to the optimal oral health of all of our patients of every age. We live our mission every day, and do everything we can to provide excellent service while making our patients happy, comfortable, and healthy!

In addition to our focus on customer satisfaction, we adhere to dentistry's highest standards and stay on top of the latest cutting-edge technology. When you choose Parkcrest Dental Group, you're choosing a dental group that strives to be the best.

We also want you and your family to feel comfortable coming to our office. Our team understands that you are placing great trust in us by choosing us with your child's care. We'll do our utmost to make sure your child is happy and comfortable at Parkcrest Dental Group.

## OUR OFFICE

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