



Tooth Times

Tragedy in Maryland

You may have heard the very sad news that a 12-year-old boy died from a tooth abscess in Maryland last February. The bacteria from the abscess spread to his brain, which subsequently caused his death.

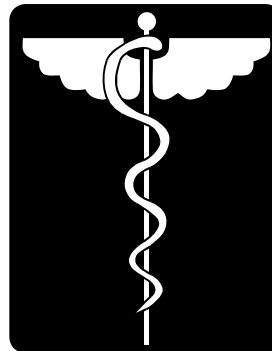
We highlight this story not to scare our patients, but to offer the important message that tooth decay can be extremely harmful, and of course, painful. Once the patient starts feeling tooth pain, it is imperative that he or she be seen by the dentist as soon as possible.

More importantly, it is very hard to predict how fast tooth decay will worsen. We understand that sometimes parents faced with a large treatment plan will be tempted to wait for that “holiday bonus” or “tax return” to schedule treatment, however, as long as active decay exists in the mouth, so does the threat of permanent and even fatal damage to the child.

We have been diligently trying to

contact all patients with unscheduled treatment either by phone or mail recently. If you have received notice from our office that your child still has uncompleted treatment, please contact us so that we may get that scheduled for you. If financing is an issue, we would be happy to discuss our provider’s payment plan with you.

The best way to ensure optimum oral health is to make those dental check-ups every six months. Decay can grow fast, particularly in children, which is why recare visits are so important. If your child is due for recare or treatment, please let us take one less worry away!



Our hope is that no other parent suffers such an unnecessary and tragic

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Tragedy in Maryland
- ☺ Healthy back-to-school lunch & snack choices
- ☺ Our first No Cavity Club Winner!

Healthy School Lunch and Snack Choices

Tired of the same old lunch? Feeling like your kids won’t eat it unless it’s loaded with sugar? Don’t have time to prepare something healthy? Here’s a few suggestions from some time challenged moms!

Costco™ sells individual packages of apple slices and baby carrots. They’re easy, fast, healthy and yummy! For a sweeter treat, they also sell an organic version of toaster tarts that have no refined sugar—a great snack

to delight those sweet teeth without the sugar crash that inevitably follows. There are numerous brands of yogurt “on the go,” a healthy protein snack, though some are packed with more sugar than others, so paying attention to labels is important. We applaud parents’ efforts to reduce the frequency of sugary snacks. And remember, chewing gum with Xylitol™ helps to break down sugars in the mouth when brushing is not possible.

Reminder: After School Appointments:

After school appointments are obviously the most coveted time slots. Accordingly, we must ask that you arrive promptly. Because there are fewer appointment times after school hours than patients requesting them, please understand that if you are more than 10 minutes late, you may have to be rescheduled to another day and time. Thank you for being punctual!

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No Cavity Club Winner

We've had a busy summer awarding lots of patients with No Cavity Club Tee-Shirts. It's very rewarding to see how proud children are to hear how well they've been brushing and flossing when it comes from the dentist!

Just a reminder, our No Cavity Club works like this: After two recare visits, six months apart, that are cavity free we reward those patients with a 'My Smile Rocks' Tee-Shirt.

Cavity free patients are also entered into a drawing that takes place once a quarter for a very special spin toothbrush. Lyric, our first drawing winner, graciously came in to accept her fancy toothbrush and let us take a picture of her fantastic smile! Thank you, Lyric, keep up the good work on those pearly whites!

The toothbrushes that we give our winners

are also on sale in our office. The Oral B Vitality™ is a great value, which retails around \$20 at your local grocer or drugstore. We now have it for purchase for \$18.

Whether you'd like to reward your good brusher or simply want one for yourself, please ask us about the Oral B Vitality™.

As always, we wish all our patients a happy and healthy autumn season. To all you trick-or-treaters, don't forget to brush your teeth Halloween night!



Little Lyric, our first No Cavity Club winner.