A Modern Approach to Dentistry at Smiles by Stevens

Dr. Shea F. Stevens attended a dental implant residency at New York University School of Dentistry and has accumulated hundreds of hours of postgraduate studies, including a 10-month maxicourse for the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants, and time studying with leaders in the dental profession such as Dr. Carl Misch, Dr. Maurice Salama, Dr. Charles Martin, and Dr. Balshi, the pioneer of Teeth In A Day and All On Four dental implants. Dr. Stevens is trained in both the placement and the restoration of dental implants, making him a leader in his field.

He maintains memberships in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Academy of Implant Dentistry, Academy of General Dentistry, Lancaster Study Club, Lancaster County Dental Implant Study Group, and the College of Conscious Sedation. Dr. Stevens received hands-on training for porcelain veneers to enhance a smile with Dr. Bill Dorfman of Extreme Makeovers. Dr. Stevens is one of the youngest to receive a fellowship in the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and to be awarded as one of the Top 20 dentists in Pa.

Dr. Stevens attended undergraduate school at West Chester University and went on to receive his DMD degree from Temple University School of Dentistry, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the OKU Dental Honor Society Award.

He resides in Lancaster with his wife Aileen, his daughter Rowan, his son Colton, and two dogs.

Dentistry is an ever-changing field of medicine. Some offices tend to stay with what works, while other offices learn the new techniques and how it can benefit patients. At Smiles by Stevens, Dr. Shea Stevens believes in staying current with the advancements in dentistry. “The new materials, techniques, and equipment help during the diagnostic and restorative phases of treatment. I like having the ability to give a patient several options to consider. The patient needs to be comfortable with the treatment, and the treatment has to fit into their life, both financially and within their schedule.” Dentistry has reached a level where bridges and dentures are not the only option to replace missing teeth. Dental implants have the longest success rate for tooth replacement. “Dental implants are the best treatment recommendation for replacing missing teeth. We no longer have to cut teeth to make a bridge or give a patient a device that they have to remove from their mouth. Dental implants have been shown to be over 90% successful over a 20-year study. Patients can smile and eat with confidence, which as a dentist is my main goal.”

Some dental offices will refer to a dental specialist for all advanced treatment and only treat general procedures such as crowns and white fillings. Other dental offices have a variety of dental specialists within one office, called a multi-skill practice. This is convenient because the patient does not have to travel to different locations, but the patient will not be with the same dentist throughout the course of their treatment. Dr. Shea Stevens continues to hear patients state that they do not like being referred to different dentists for their treatment because they can never get comfortable with the bedside manner of one dentist. As a dentist, Dr. Stevens always want his patients to feel comfortable and relaxed so they have a pleasant experience.

Dr. Shea Stevens has taken into consideration how a patient feels about dentistry and listens to what they desire. This is why he decided, after dental school, to take a residency in the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants and periodontal surgery. Then Dr. Stevens invested the time in gaining more training and experience in the dental fields of endodontics (root canals), cosmetics (Botox, Juvederm, veneers), pediatric (children), prosthodontics (full mouth rehabilitation and reconstruction), and oral surgery. At Smiles by Stevens, a patient can receive a comprehensive exam and comprehensive treatment in one office with one dentist.

Dr. Shea Stevens likes to do comprehensive treatment because he knows what took place during each phase of treatment. He does not have to wait to hear from a specialist as to what was done or why the plan changed. Dr. Stevens treats approximately 90-95% of all phases of dentistry, and refers orthodontics (braces), wisdom tooth extraction (need for IV sedation), and root canals requiring microscope diagnosis. Dr. Stevens has a close relationship with the specialists he refers to, so there is great communication throughout patient care.

At Smiles by Stevens, a patient will receive comprehensive care from Dr. Shea Stevens. He will perform a thorough exam and listen to the patient’s goals. Both Dr. Stevens and the patient will create a treatment plan that is ideal in reaching the goals. If you have been told that you can only have a bridge, only have a partial or full denture, and/or your teeth are hopeless, then call Smiles by Stevens to have a consult to evaluate several options for dental care.

We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to discuss dental implants or come for an evaluation to see if you are a good candidate for dental implants, please contact us at www.smilesbystevensdmd.com or 717-581-0123.