

Range of Services

- Educate and motivate children, adolescents and young adults to maintain good oral health for life.
- Provide routine dental treatment for children including dental examinations and diagnosis, cleaning, scaling and polishing teeth, filling cavities, extracting deciduous (or baby) teeth under local anaesthetic, treating gum conditions, taking x-rays of teeth and jaws and applying pit and fissure sealants.
- Dental sealants, fluoride therapy and taking impressions for mouthguard construction.
- Bring more complex dental problems to the attention of dentists.
- Help to educate the community in the principles of preventive dentistry by addressing adult groups such as parents groups, play groups and parents and citizens associations.

More about Dental Sealants

Sealants can help to preserve your child's smile for a lifetime. Though Dental Sealants are not a cure-all in preventing tooth decay they are a helpful preventative intervention in controlling tooth decay, especially in children and adolescents.

A Dental Sealant is a tooth-coloured plastic film that helps shield out decay-causing bacteria from chewing surfaces of back teeth.

Though there is no specific age at which sealants are indicated, we often recommend that the best time to apply them is when the six-year old molars appear.

If you have any questions about sealants please ask your Dental Therapist. Sealants have proven to prevent tooth decay. Our goal is to preserve your child's smile throughout life and Dental Sealants help make this possible.



The Dental
Therapist

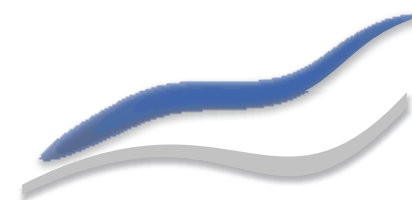
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What is a Dental Therapist?

Dental Therapists play a unique role in the dental team and are specifically trained to provide high quality oral health care for children, adolescents and young adults. Dental Therapists have a strong preventive focus, and are strongly committed to fostering positive attitudes to oral health with our youngest patients at Dimos Dental.

While complex cases may still be referred for further diagnosis and treatment by our dentists, our Dental Therapists are treating a wide range of pre-school, primary school and adolescent patients, including first time visitor, dentally anxious patients, and both children who are medically compromised or with learning disabilities. Our Dental Therapists also welcome children who have no specific dental concerns, and assist all children in building the foundations for great oral health for life.

Our Dental Therapists' focus on unique and exceptional care for every child, in a gentle, friendly and fun environment.



What to expect on your first visit.

On the first visit we rarely carry out any dental procedures, unless absolutely necessary. Your child may come to us with a complex dental problem and, possibly, with some previous negative experiences. With this in mind the first visit will provide children and parents with information about their dental issues and a thorough assessment will be made of your child's individual needs.

We want your child to be totally comfortable before any treatment is carried out and be relaxed about coming to Dimos Dental for subsequent visits. At Dimos Dental first dental visits (and every visit thereafter) are special and positive experiences; children are not just little adults and need gentle and uniquely tailored care. Our Dental Therapist will "count" your child's teeth and help them to become familiar and conformable at the dentist, setting every child up for happy and healthy smiles for a lifetime.

Any questions you have can be raised at their first visit and our team will happily provide any information you need.



"But they are just baby teeth, right?"

Good oral health is integral to general health and well being, and early childhood dental hygiene practices are a key factor in predicting and determining oral health in both teenage years and adulthood. Good oral health is important for young children to help them eat, talk, smile and develop self-esteem. Primary teeth, commonly known as "baby teeth", are very important. Even though they are designed to fall out, they require the same attention and care as permanent teeth.

There are many ways to assist children to grow up with healthy teeth including twice daily toothbrushing with low fluoride toothpaste (after breakfast and before going to bed), a nutritious well balanced diet and limiting sugary snacks between meals. However, regular dental check-ups from approximately three years of age are also integral in setting your child up for good oral health for life.