

Midtown Dental

Dr. Ted Kolsun Family Dentistry Newsletter Summer 2012

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Dr. Ted Kolsun

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Treatment Coordinator
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Introducing our new Dentists and Staff!!!

Dr. Vikas Khanna
Dr. Amreesh Khanna
Dr. Anuja Patel

Aryn- Dental Administrator/
Treatment Coordinator
Mellisa- Dental Hygienist

Our new Name!!!

We are excited to introduce our new name and logo for our practice, and we welcome you all to Midtown Dental!!!!

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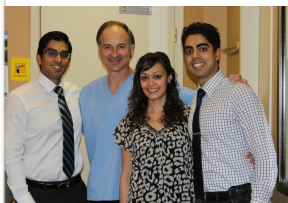
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In my first newsletter to patients, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the three fabulous young dentists who have joined the practice. They are Dr. Vikas Khanna, Dr. Amreesh Khanna and Dr. Anuja Patel. They are well trained, highly skilled practitioners and I have complete faith that they will meet and exceed all your expectations when the time comes for me to hang up my drill.

You should know that Dr. Chris Sheremata was unable to step into full time practice with us. This necessitated his stepping out of the practice with little advance notice. We were pleased that Vik, Amreesh, and Anuja were up to the challenge. They look forward to meeting with you in the future and continuing my 30 year effort to maintain your collective oral health.

Over the years, you have given me the most noble gift; the ability to share in your lives. The insight you have collectively given into child rearing, relationships, politics and business has made a huge impact in my life. The sum of knowledge that sits in our dental chairs is truly astounding. The kindness I experience makes everyday a pleasure. The courage that I see is awe inspiring. Too often, the spectre of real life tragedy hits the nicest people that do not deserve it. They all have overcome what we would believe to be insurmountable. Others have faced their own mortality with quiet grace and dignity. The fate that transplanted me to Calgary 30 years ago to share life with all of you is my good fortune.

One of the lessons I have learned from watching all of your collective lives is not to wait to the end to enjoy life. To that end, three years ago, I stepped back from full time practice. With the good efforts of Dr. Sheremata and our great staff, I have been able to take the last 3 summers off to spend with my family in B.C. These have probably been the most fun three years I have had in my life. Lucky me.



Welcoming New Patients!!!

New Services being offered:

Dental Implant Treatment, Sedation Dentistry, Wisdom Teeth
Extractions, Laser Tooth Whitening
Coming Soon....Digital X-Rays and Photography

Now, the tough part of the letter.

It is with great trepidation that I have to tell you that this is to be my last year practicing dentistry in Calgary. My wife Joy and I have undertaken the challenge to semi-retire to Vancouver Island. Because I look too young to retire, I am likely going to practice part time in the Victoria area. I have been licensed in B.C. for 25 years so I guess I should use it before I retire for good!

There are no words that can express my gratitude that you put your trust in a 25 year old new dentist when Dr. Lea and Dr. Gibson retired. I have been blessed with the good fortune of having the best professional staff a dentist could have; Mary, Joanne, Hazel, Kerry, Ally, Amber, Jenny and my sidekick, Lynn. They made work fun to go to. They laughed at my jokes. They always put your needs before theirs. Their contribution to the success of our dental practice is greatly recognized. I could not have done it without them.

I hope I made dentistry a little bit more fun, or at least easier to endure. If you did not notice, I always tried to say something completely outrageous before freezing you so that you would focus on my sanity instead of the needle. I tried to work as quickly and accurately as possible so as to limit the situational discomfort too. I always did the best I could. Some of you are really tough to work on. I loved the challenges!



A funny thing happened during those years. Almost everyone has become my friend. I always felt saddened when a patient or staff member was transferred away. Not because I wasn't happy for their improved opportunity or anticipated adventure, but because I would never see how the story of their lives carried on. Every one of you is a great story. I really want to know what happens next! Sadly, this is what I have to give up to have my own adventure.

To those Alberta natives or transplanted natives (like me), I humbly pledge to take the best part of Alberta with me. I can hear the laughter of those who see me holding an umbrella during the west coast rainy season (September – May). To them, I say I will race to the golf course and play two holes between showers. When I get into a polling station, I will have to remind myself that an Alberta NDP is the equivalent of a BC Liberal. I will miss all of my political discussions, especially with those who know more than me (likely all of you). While it is true I won each argument , it was likely that I always used a rubber dam on you whether needed or not.

I would like to end my first (and last) newsletter on an upbeat note. Do not even think for a second that I am running away from you. I will still be listed on the Victoria directory and challenge anyone who brings their clubs to grudge match. I likely will be found roaming the Uplands Golf course looking for my ball in the woods. Do not be afraid to contact me. I look forward to it.

After December 2012, you will be in the very skilled care of three very capable dentists. This makes it easier for me to slip out the back door. They are completely modern practitioners who will be able to offer implant placement, sedation and more complex oral surgery in house. They will keep the practice at the cutting edge (ouch) and will be able to cover easily for emergency care (a challenge for a solo practitioner). Our goal has always been to give you the best care, but they have great new ideas, options and enthusiasm.

Finally. The truth is that the whole purpose of our 30 year relationship is you. I wish each and every one of you the best possible future and outcome that is humanly possible. I know you will continue to make Alberta the great province that it is (because of your work ethic and determination) and I hope everyday is better than the one before.

I would, lastly, take this final opportunity to acknowledge my loving wife Joy, who packed a lunch for me every day for 29 years, my great kids Christina and Matt who are everything to me, and every close friend we have in this city. You have made this one fantastic 30 year adventure. I can't imagine not taking the chance coming here in 1983. You have made life a pleasure and the journey fun.

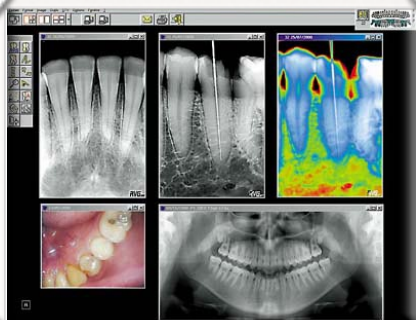
My hope is that, eventually, you all do what normal Albertans do. Retire to Vancouver Island so that we see you every day!

Cheers and love, Ted



It is with great pleasure that we, Amreesh, Anuja and Vik are able to call this office our new home. As young aspiring dentists it has been our dream to find a practice that shares our vision of providing exceptional level of care and compassion to those who we call our patients and hope to call our friends. In this search we were delighted to come across both Dr. Kolsun and Dr. Sheremata, and see the excellent family practiced they have worked hard to develop, but more so, the trusting, caring and compassionate relationships they have developed with you all. We step into this practice with the same humble view that we know what it means to you to put that same trust for your oral health in our hands. We give you our commitment that we will do all that is in our hands to continue to provide you with the same exceptional care that you all deserve and are accustomed to, and we look forward to getting to know you all and your families.

We sincerely thank Dr. Kolsun for his accomplishments through his career as a dentist, and we hope when we get a few more grey hairs than we have now, a couple kids running around and nice house with a picket fence that we too can look back and pat ourselves on the back in the way that Dr. Kolsun deserves today! We know that he is only a "mountain range away" on the other side in BC and is only a phone call away. We have learned a lot from him and will continue to call him a mentor and friend.



In moving forward, we would like to introduce you all to some exciting changes to improve your overall care and overall experience at our office. It is our utmost goal to make your experience here the most comforting and like no other. This means changes that you can see, feel and touch! First off, with three dentists now at this office, we thought it best to have a new fresh name that encompasses us all: MIDTOWN DENTAL!!! Secondly, we see the vast advantage to our patients in implementing the lowest level of dental radiation possible through the latest in digital xray technology. Over the next few months, our office will be providing you with digital xrays and photography, this will allow us to visually show you "your mouth" like you've never seen before, in a much quicker, lower radiation manner. Furthermore, we will also be expanding the current scope of practice under the same roof to offer more advanced dental procedures

such as tooth replacement options with dental implants, and options for retaining dentures or replacing dentures with dental implants. We will further strive to make your dental visits as comfortable as possible with sedation dentistry, which can be done for any dental visit from basic fillings to dental surgery!

All of these changes are with you at the forefront of our minds, as we value you and your time and would like to provide you with these extras to enhance the overall dental care you receive in the same home you have been to for years while still maintaining the affordability that this practice has offered in the past. We will be expanding our team in the effort to continue to provide you more convenient access to treatment along with a team knowledgeable in all aspects of facilitating your experience at Midtown Dental from welcoming you to our clinic, to helping your dental insurance work best for you and most of all to showing you that we care.



A little about our background..... Dr. Amreesh Khanna, graduated from the University of Alberta and went on to pursue a General Practice Residency at the prestigious Montefiore Medical Centre/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, to further his interests in oral rehabilitation related to advanced oral surgery, dental implant treatment, bone/gum grafting and sedation "sleep" dentistry. Amreesh has been practicing at two dental practices in Calgary providing general dental care for the entire family and acts as an in house dentist providing surgical and implant therapy in the same comfortable environment his patients are used to. Amreesh continues to focus on advanced continuing education to continually strive to provide the latest in top quality care to his patients. He also has a fellowship in the International Congress of Oral Implantology and serves as a director on the board for the Alberta Dental Society of Anesthesiology. Amreesh believes in the importance of giving back to those in need and continues to support the SHINE Dental Clinic in Edmonton, a no cost inner city dental clinic for youth which he founded while in dental school. In his spare time he loves being active, playing soccer and is keeping himself busy as he prepares to marry the love of his life this summer, Dr. Anuja Patel!



Dr. Anuja Patel is a University of Saskatchewan graduate. She moved to Calgary shortly after dental school and has since been practicing general dentistry in the city and surrounding area. Anuja enjoys working with children and has a great interest in cosmetic dentistry. Having taken esthetic dentistry courses at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies and the Spears Education Center, she is experienced in creating beautiful smiles. She is also a strong believer in prevention as the key to maintaining good oral health. In her spare time, Anuja is busy planning her upcoming wedding to Dr. Amreesh Khanna. The couple is getting married this July in Regina and they are very excited for all the new beginnings this year has in store.

Dr. Vikas Khanna, born and raised in Calgary, attended the University of Alberta for Dental School. After graduating from Dental School, Vikas went on to further his experience and training by completing a General Practice Residency in New York, through the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Through out his education and career thus far, Vikas has also completed placements in Dallas, Texas, and has received Fellowships in the American Dental Implant Association and the International Congress of Oral Implantology. Vikas enjoys performing all aspects of dentistry, and with his extensive training in areas of implant placement, wisdom teeth extraction, and sedation dentistry, is here to help create an enjoyable and comfortable dental experience. Vikas likes to hike, run and play guitar in his spare time.

As the three of us are family, we hope to bring our caring family approach to you all in the years to come. Our front desk team is ready to answer any questions and set you up with your next appointment! We look forward to meeting you all soon!

Regards,

Amreesh, Vikas, and Anuja