

We are sure everyone is hustling and bustling in anticipation of the coming Holidays, as are we here at Dental Excellence of Napoleon! As the year comes to an end, we pause to reflect upon our many blessings. Among those blessings, we count each and everyone of you, our patients. We are honored that you place your trust in us and pledge to you that we will continue to strive to exceed your expectations. Please accept our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Dr. Michael D. Carpenter

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before



after

Patient Testimonial

For *seven* years, Julie Busch suffered from migraines and facial pains and her jaw popped when she chewed. Some days her headaches were so intense she could not work. After physicians and specialists could not help, Dr. Carpenter treated Julie for TMD. He found the most comfortable position for her jaw and eliminated her pain. Her optimal jaw position was made permanent with crowns and veneers. "Lining up my jaw made all the difference in the world. My headaches disappeared right away, my jaw no longer pops and I have no facial pain whatsoever. Now I'm smiling brightly every day!"

We appreciate the referral of your friends and family.

Dr. Carpenter uses only the best Dental Laboratories in the country. He determines which lab he will use for each case on an individual basis, as he may prefer one lab to fabricate crowns or veneers and another to make a denture or partial. These laboratories are located as close as Toledo and as far away as Texas or California. We are proud to say that all materials used in our prosthetics are made in the USA.

Did you know??

People who floss their teeth live an average of seven years longer than those who don't.

Health Links

Surveys show that people often live with painful symptoms such as headaches, neck pain, and popping of their jaw despite seeking medical attention from physicians, neurologists, and chiropractors. Most people do not realize that their bite can be a primary cause of pain and dysfunction of the head and neck. These symptoms may be a result of temporomandibular joint disorder or TMD. Some forms of TMD can be resolved very simply while others may be very complex and difficult to treat. Dentistry has always focused on the teeth, but now the effects of muscle forces on occlusion is widely recognized. Today, based on sound physiological principles, Neuromuscular Dentistry determines muscle and joint status through scientific evaluation. The Neuromuscular Dentist uses objective data gathered with precise instruments to diagnose and treat TMD.

Holiday Recipe

Niki's Yummy Christmas Craft

- Wooden Shish Kabob Stakes
- Marshmallows
- White Chocolate
- Dark Chocolate
- Red Chocolate

Place 3 marshmallows on wooden stick to begin building a "snowman". Dip stick into melted white chocolate. Let cool for about 1/2 hour until chocolate hardens. Decorate snowman using melted dark chocolate for eyes and buttons and melted red chocolate for his (or her!) nose. When decorations have cooled, wrap snowman in cellophane. It is a fun and easy treat to make with your children or grandchildren!

We are happy to announce that Dr. Carpenter has successfully completed the Las Vegas Institute Fellow comprehensive exam. The LVI Fellow designation recognizes that a dentist has completed a series of studies on the clinical skills and knowledge necessary to provide comprehensive aesthetic and neuromuscular treatment. This training includes a minimum of 278 continuing dental education hours in advanced aesthetics and neuromuscular science.

Congratulations Dr. Carpenter!



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