

# Summer 2015 newsletter



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## Periodontist joins our team



Puneet Patel has successfully completed a three year specialty training programme in Periodontology & Implant Dentistry at the Eastman Dental Institute and subsequently passed the Membership in Periodontics exam at the Royal College Surgeons of Edinburgh, facilitating his entry onto the GDC specialist register.

Puneet graduated with honours from Guy's King's & St Thomas' Hospital in 2007. Since then he has completed Senior House Officer training posts in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery; Paediatric Dentistry & Restorative Dentistry.

During this time he has been awarded the New Graduate Prize by the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry. He has attended conferences worldwide and is a member of the British Dental Association, British Society of Periodontology, and the International Team for Implantology. Puneet's particular interests lie in regenerative techniques to reconstitute periodontal tissue loss and restoration of missing teeth with implants. He has experience of teaching dental students, fellow professionals and dental care professionals and is approachable and keen to offer any advice required.

### What is a Periodontist?

A periodontist is a dentist who specializes in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of periodontal disease, and in the placement of dental implants. Periodontists are also experts in the treatment of oral inflammation. Periodontists receive extensive training in these areas, including three additional years of education beyond dental school. They are familiar with the latest techniques for diagnosing and treating periodontal disease, and are also trained in performing cosmetic periodontal procedures.

## Amersham CODE Dental Plan

### Would you like to save money on your Dental Care?

We are now very pleased to be able to offer a **Dental Maintenance Plan** exclusively designed for our patients here at **amersham dental care**.

For the cost of **£17.00** per month (per adult plan) you are entitled to:

- 2 Consultations per year
- 2 Hygienist Appointments per year
- 10% Discount on all other private fees (T&Cs apply)
- Out of Hours Emergency call out fee
- Necessary Intra oral x-rays
- Dietary Instruction

For further information please speak to our reception team or download our **amersham dental plan** brochure from our website

[www.amershamdentalcare.com](http://www.amershamdentalcare.com)

## Telephone Consultations



Need advice over the telephone rather than face to face?

Telephone consultations can now be booked and will be charged at the discounted rate of **£25.00**

### Your feedback matters!

At *amersham dental care* we very much appreciate your feedback.

Please feel free to leave your comments in our feedback box in the waiting room or via our website.

If you would to discuss any matters relating to your treatment at *amersham dental care* you can contact Pia Blackman the Practice Manager.

## SPECIAL OFFER ON TOOTH WHITENING FOR CODEPLAN PATIENTS

Special offer price for Codeplan patients	<b>£199.00</b> (including 10% discount)
Normal Price	<b>£300.00</b>

## New Practice Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm  
**Wednesday 8.30am to 8.00pm**  
*(including hygienists)*

*Outside of these hours  
appointments available by prior  
arrangement*

The practice is closed for lunch  
between 1pm – 2pm (answerphone  
service)

### SOS After Hours Emergencies

If you are a registered patient of Amersham  
Dental Care and you have an "out of hours"  
emergency please call the practice number  
or visit the website for details.

[www.amershamdentalcare.com](http://www.amershamdentalcare.com)

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Celebrating 10 years membership  
with  
British Dental Association  
Good Practice Scheme

*Amersham dental care* has been admitted to the  
British Dental Association's prestigious  
"Good Practice Scheme"  
and is in its 10th year of membership.

This means we are committed to a high standard of good

### Would you prefer an evening appointment?

We are delighted to announce that we are offering  
evening appointments every Wednesday with Dr Williams  
and our hygienist.



### DENTAL IMPLANTS AT AMERSHAM DENTAL CARE

A dental implant is a small but strong post made from biocompatible metals or ceramics. Under local anaesthetic, it is inserted into the jaw bone in place of the missing tooth root and acts as a support for the tooth.

The healing phase is between 6 and 12 weeks depending on the individual medical situation. During this period the implant becomes securely attached to the jaw bone - a process called osseointegration. Once healed, this artificial root acts as a base for fixing individual crowns, multi-tooth bridges, or an entire dental prosthesis.

#### FAQS:

**Is Implant therapy an expensive option:** Contrary to what you might think, conventional dentures are not always cost-effective. The initial layout for dental implant treatment varies on how many implants are needed and if bone augmentation is required. Other factors include the surgery itself, lab work, the prosthesis and the dentist's and dental technician's fees. A cost plan will be developed only when all of these aspects have been addressed and in some cases, dental implants may be more economical in the long term.

**Are there any risks when placing implants:** Implant therapy is not an experimental approach; rather it is a well-proven, state-of-the-art medical dental technique that has been scientifically tested and used for decades by dentists and surgeons worldwide. Depending on the condition of each patient, potential risk factors may vary. Bad oral hygiene or limited healing of the wound due to pre-existing medical conditions may reduce the odds of the implant remaining in place. Since every surgical procedure carries potential risks, your dentist will evaluate whether dental implants are the option for you.

**Is there any age limitation to implant therapy:** It is possible to insert implants as soon as the jaw has stopped growing. Therefore, in young patients, dental implants can only be placed once their jaw bones are fully developed. At the other end of the spectrum, there is no age limit, given of course that the patient does not display any significant medical risk factors. This will be evaluated by the dentist.

**How long do I have to wait for my final restoration:** After insertion of your implant, the bonding process (osseointegration) takes about 6-8 weeks. In this time, the implant reaches the stability needed for it to bear weight like a natural tooth. As always, healing times can vary depending on the individual condition and indication.

For more information visit <http://www.straumann.co.uk/en/patients.html>



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