

SPOTLIGHT



"We're delighted to welcome Dr. Edgar to the practice. He is a great fit and our patients love him. He has a passion for helping transform smiles and providing compassionate, high-quality care."

— Dr. Stephen Glass

ADVANCED DENTISTRY OF SPRING CARE THAT GOES BEYOND THE DENTIST'S CHAIR

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The doctors and staff at Advanced Dentistry of Spring are committed to creating an experience their patients look forward to. "We take the time to listen and understand what our patients want or need, and then provide the proper friendly and gentle dentistry," shared Dr. Stephen Glass, practice owner. "We provide everything from dental cleanings and wisdom teeth removal to laser gum treatment, affordable dentures, dental implants, Cerec one-visit crowns, veneers, and teeth whitening. We understand the frustrations of tooth pain, and work to accept same-day emergency appointments to help treat everything including toothaches, cracked crowns, and other dental emergencies."

MEET DR. JOEL EDGAR

We recently had the opportunity to get to know the practice's new dentist, Dr. Edgar. It's easy to see how his friendly, family-focused, and easy-going personality puts his patients at ease. His passion for helping and serving others is what drives Dr. Edgar to succeed in helping his patients make educated and informed decisions about their dental care. A graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry, Dr. Edgar and his wife, Heather, are new to the Spring area, but he plans

to continue his tradition of being an active and involved member of the community as he settles into his new role.

LM: What drew you to Advanced Dentistry of Spring?

DR. EDGAR: I knew upon meeting Dr. Glass that he would be a great dentist to work with. He has a fantastic rapport with all of his patients. He knows how to treat everything from simple to complex cases and provide the highest quality of care. Everyone who works here treats our patients like they're family.

LM: What made you choose to pursue a career in dentistry?

DR. EDGAR: Well, it's a funny story. When I was 20, I was out celebrating my wife's birthday with friends at a local bowling alley. A long story short, that included a misunderstanding of cues from a friend, I got hit in the mouth while trying to catch a bowling ball! The next day I saw a dentist that was a friend of the family, and ended up with a root canal and same-day crown. My interest was piqued about helping patients smile again, restoring their ability to eat the foods they love, and eliminating discomfort. I spent around 200 hours shadowing that dentist that summer and I soon realized that dentistry would be a great fit for me.

LM: What do you think sets Advanced Dentistry apart from other dental practices in the area?

DR. EDGAR: Beyond a broad range of services using the latest technology and techniques, is the importance of the personal relationship our team has with you. We pride ourselves on listening carefully to your needs and concerns and proceeding gently through your care. We do that through a partnership with you that begins the moment you walk through our door.

In addition, we have a very strong hygiene team. Between the charting of



Because Advanced Dentistry of Spring is a dentist-owned and operated practice, patients know that when they come in, even if it's just for a routine cleaning, they'll see their own dentist, not a new face each time. Drs. Glass and Edgar pride themselves on understanding that patients don't want to become comfortable with a dentist only to be referred out to a specialist, so they do their best to meet all of their patients' dental needs under one roof—where they're comfortable and everybody knows them by name.

clinical findings, taking good intraoral photos, and their patience with each and every patient, our hygienists are extremely thorough in the way they work. This allows for a solid treatment plan so that we can educate and work with our patients to devise the best treatment plan.

LM: What do you enjoy most about dentistry?

DR. EDGAR: When I see someone with a bright, happy smile, and I know I helped them with that...I know I am doing what I was meant to do. After all, smiles are forever!

LM: Besides your work and your family, do you have a passion for

anything else that you would like to share?

DR. EDGAR: When I have the free time, I love playing Ultimate Frisbee, golfing, and basketball. I also enjoy hunting with my family and reading. I'm not sure how much more time I'll have for all of that, though, as my wife and I are preparing for the addition our first child, a baby girl, in December!

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