

# OUR PHILOSOPHY

As a team at Hansen & Associates, we approach patient care with some particular goals in mind. We believe that comprehensive dental care extends far beyond treating the teeth and do our best to develop life-long relationships with our patients. We recognize that people have individual needs and promise to provide an approach that meets these needs while taking into consideration factors such as systemic, psychological and financial health.

At Hansen & Associates we carry a deep commitment to quality and excellence and aspire to provide it in every facet you experience. Among our priorities in providing excellence is our commitment to ongoing development of our skill and knowledge through advanced education. We also place the utmost value on technical excellence. This comes from precision and attention to detail that can only be found in microscope-enhanced dentistry. Our objective is to provide dentistry that functions, promotes health, provides predictability, longevity and with exquisite esthetics and natural beauty.

**am·per·sand [am-per-sand] -noun**  
1. a character or symbol (& or )  
2. for and: Hansen & Associates.

Ampersand is a logogram representing the conjunction word "and". The word was adapted in the 1830's from the phrase "and per se and" meaning in itself. The symbol is a ligature of the letters et, which is Latin for the word "and".

At Hansen & Associates we feel the "&" in itself signifies the relationship with our patients, our team of specialists, each other and our commitment to providing guidance to achieve the highest level of long-term dental health.

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## WE TAKE A GENTLE APPROACH

Hansen & Associates restorative and esthetic dentistry prides itself in taking care of the details. Customizing patient care for the specific needs of adults and children, we offer a commitment to excellence in dentistry and the benefits of the latest in technology and continuing education.

Offering microscope enhanced exams and procedures, our comprehensive care begins with patient relationships. As a team we take pride in developing a plan for life-long dental health. This includes comprehensive exams and regularly scheduled cleanings with a focus on prevention and education.



### Jill E. Hansen, DDS

Dr. Hansen believes that by choosing to become a patient at Hansen & Associates you are investing in an important relationship for your life-long health. Since graduating from the University of Washinton Dental School in 1999, she has been deeply committed to advancing her clinical skills

and techniques as well as education of her staff and patients. In addition to being a charter member of the Academy of Microscope Dentistry (AMED) in 2002, she has taken advanced courses on aesthetics and comprehensive dentistry through Spear Education in Scottsdale, NCOFI and the Pankey Institute in Florida. Dr. Hansen has a passion to support other dentists in their journey for growth and manages a local dental study club, a hygiene study club as well as mentoring courses at Spear Education in AZ. She is a member of the Better Business Bureau as well as the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Hansen has been practicing in Gig Harbor since 2000 and has a strong commitment to her team and the community.



### Melissa Spaulding, DDS

Dr Spaulding is from Walla Walla, Washington and received her doctorate with honors from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 2008. Dr. Spaulding is an active member of the ADA, WSDA as well as a SPEAR dental study club and is very committed to a lifetime of

learning and growth through advanced education to better support and treat her patients. She prides herself in helping patients achieve their dental health goals by providing options that meet their needs and the highest level of care possible. Dr Spaulding believes in informing patients of their dental conditions and helping them to make informed decisions regarding their health and individual needs. Dentistry has been a rewarding career choice for Dr Spaulding since it combines three of her life loves: art, science, and education.

## SERVICES

### Comprehensive

- Comprehensive exam and consult for adults and children
- Microscope diagnosis and treatment
- Periodontal assessment, treatment and maintenance
- Coordination with specialist for consults & care
- TMJ management and treatment of muscle pain
- Sleep disorder breathing screening and guidance

### Comfort

- Nitrous oxide
- Music with noise canceling earphones
- Treatment of sensitive teeth
- Airflow polish: non-abrasive technique

### Prevention

- Recommendations for maintaining and improving your oral health
- Caries prevention fluoride treatments
- Digital x-rays
- Product support

### Esthetics

- Beautiful smile solutions
- Tooth whitening— in house and take home options
- Tooth-colored fillings
- All ceramic crowns & veneers
- Air polishing stain removal

### Restoration

- Microscope enhanced precision
- Tooth restoration with tooth colored composite, ceramic or gold.
- Bridges and removable dentures
- Implant restorations for single or multiple teeth
- Complex treatment planning for dental rehabilitation

### Financial Services

- Payment options available
- Care coordinator to help plan your treatment
- Financial coordinator to help maximize your benefits

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Welcome! We believe that our relationship with you must begin by understanding you as a person. Knowing your dental history, medical needs, and your particular concerns about dentistry like anxiety or fear matter.

### Your First Appointment

- **A one-on-one interview** to review your medical and dental history. This is a great time to share any particular needs or concerns you may have related to dentistry such as fear, anxiety or sedation.
- **Head and neck exam**, during which you will have an exam of your muscles, lymph nodes and glands as well as a screening for TMJ (temporomandibular joint).
- **Intra oral exam**. This includes a soft tissue exam with oral cancer screening and detection of tooth decay, wear and fractures. We will also assess the functional alignment of teeth for indications of potential need for orthodontics and replacement of missing teeth. For adults and children both, we will examine the tongue, oropharynx and nasal passages to screen for signs of a breathing related disorders.
- **Periodontal exam** to detect periodontal disease. The examination and probing of gums helps identify the overall state of gum and bone support. This information is important in determining the type, extent and frequency of cleaning you require.

### Financial Arrangements & Payment Options

We realize that every person's financial situation is different. For this reason we offer a variety of payment options to help you receive the dental care needed to enjoy a healthy and confident smile with respect to your budget. Please contact us to discuss options!

### Dental Insurance

We are happy to file the necessary insurance forms to aid you in receiving your maximum benefits within your coverage. However, we make no guarantee of any estimated coverage. Because the insurance policy is an agreement between you and the insurance company, we ask that all patients be responsible directly for all charges. Please know that we will do everything possible to see that you receive the full benefits of your policy.

Our goal with each of our patients is to help you enjoy the benefits of good oral health, to have strong teeth and gums, to have a healthy and attractive smile, and to keep your own natural teeth all your life. All of these goals are possible in our office.