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Asheville Smiles Cosmetic & Family Dentistry uses the best dental technology to provide world-class dentistry with the comforts of home.





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miles change lives. The man who hides his broken teeth behind a bushy moustache; the woman who covers her mouth with her hand when she talks; the teenager who endures constant teasing because of crooked teeth-these people inspire Dr. Rebekkah Merrell every day.

"I learned early in my career just how much I can change people's lives by giving them a beautiful, healthy smile," says Dr. Merrell, owner of Asheville Smiles Cosmetic & Family Dentistry. "Our smiles have an undeniable impact on how we interact with the world. With the affordable and revolutionary techniques and technologies available, there is no reason for people to deny themselves this care."

In addition to providing leading-edge cosmetic dentistry for patients with missing, misaligned, diseased, or broken teeth, Dr. Merrell and her staff offer a full range of family dentistry services for patients of all ages, from routine cleanings and fillings to comprehensive treatment plans. At every step, they are committed to providing a soothing, friendly environment. "We get to know our patients and their families, and they get to know us. We treat our patients like family," says Dr. Merrell.

Prioritizing Patient Care and Comfort

What do people hate most about going to the dentist? "No question: Everyone dreads pain, and the leading culprit is the numbing," says Dr. Merrell. "Not only is it uncomfortable to receive, but your gums and lips stay numb long after the procedure. Luckily, there's a better way, and we have it." The Wand® Single Tooth Anesthesia (STA) system is the answer. Instead of numbing the entire area around the affected tooth, The Wand STA numbs just the tooth being worked on via a computer-controlled flow of anesthesia. Traditional shots often require multiple injections that can take 10 minutes or more to take effect. With The Wand STA, most patients don't feel it being administered. "This is a state-of-theart technology, and few dental practices offer it," says Dr. Merrell. "At our office, it allows us to provide a better experience at no additional cost

"The mouth is an intimate space," Dr. Merrell continues. "When people go to the dentist, they may feel vulnerable and scared. I want to change that. By treating each person like family and providing a pain-free visit, it truly does make a difference." It's these small touches that set Asheville Smiles Cosmetic & Family Dentistry apart.

In addition to compassionate general dentistry, Asheville Smiles Cosmetic & Family Dentistry offers affordable, advanced dental care services, including:

- Extractions, bone grafts, dental implants, implant-supported restorations, and dentures
- CEREC same-day dental crowns
- Bridges and dentures to replace missing teeth
- Waterlase "drill-free" laser fillings
- Veneers
- Smile makeovers
- Invisalign®

To see more of what Dr. Merrell and the team at Asheville Smiles Cosmetic & Family Dentistry have to offer, visit their website at ashevillesmiles.com.

