

Meet *Christine Hopkins*



“Women help to change the perception of dentists. We bring a softer side in caring for patients.”

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INVOLVED IN HER COMMUNITY

Dr. Christine Hopkins knows that all the education and expertise in the world means nothing if you don't care about people. She chose her career in dentistry and prosthodontics because of her ability to develop relationships with patients. Often, those friendships result in opportunities for Dr. Hopkins and her team to impact the community outside the walls of Advanced Dental Center.

“As a young student, I loved music and considered a career as a musician,” she said. “Now, because of a dear patient, I'm blessed to be a part of the Plano Symphony Orchestra.”

Originally an event sponsor, Dr. Hopkins now serves as a board member, helping to promote the orchestra in its efforts to bring music to the community through concert series, fundraising galas and school performances.

Similar organizations are Dr. Hopkins' passion.

“Dentistry is what I do, and I love it. But it really comes down to just loving people,” she said.

Several years ago, Dr. Hopkins and her team answered a very special call, touching the lives of women and their families everywhere. Because of their close relationships with some very special patients whose lives have been affected by breast cancer, Dr. Hopkins and her team formed “Team Smile” and invited patients to run with them in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

In 2011, Team Smile became a top 100 donor for the Dallas area event, raising over \$3,600. Eight patients joined the dental team in running in the event and dozens contributed to the cause. Each year, more people find themselves getting involved in their community through the opportunities provided by Dr. Hopkins and Advanced Dental Center—a trend Dr. Hopkins hopes to continue.

INVALUABLE TO HER PATIENTS

While patients of all ages, with a variety of dental needs, have discovered the ideal solution with Dr. Hopkins, those individuals with especially dire conditions often find their long, heartbreaking battle finally ends victoriously at Advanced Dental Center. Patients with debilitating tooth loss and pain due to disease and other causes, enter hopeless and leave, literally, as new people. Dental implants, including a treatment called “all on four implant technique”—a full set of teeth that are permanently affixed to four implants—not only give patients back the ability to eat and speak without pain, they also allow individuals to look in the mirror with joy for the first time in years.

With other services that include teeth whitening, veneers and crowns and dental implants, hundreds of patients have experi-



Dr. Hopkins and Team Smile at Komen Dallas 2011



Dr. Christine Hopkins (center) with husband, Dr. Eric Hopkins (L) and Plano Symphony Orchestra Board President Kevin Cain (R).

enced dramatic changes in their smiles. More importantly, many nervous patients, or those with bad memories of dental visits, see a difference in Dr. Hopkins' approach to care.

Dr. Hopkins feels that being a woman in business gives her unique insight in caring for her patients. "It's the way we pay special attention to how the patient feels, instead of just treating the problem, that makes all the difference," she said.

Advanced Dental Center doesn't look like your typical dental office. From the smooth curves of the walls to the elegant décor, visitors experience a relaxing, comfortable environment.

The entire team focuses on offering a personal experience. Advanced Dental Center maintains a website, SmilesByADC.com, where patients can log on and get information about their individual treatments. Advanced Dental Center even maintains a Facebook page, just to stay in touch with patients. For many patients, it's the little details that make all the difference—such as a cold drink to enjoy while waiting or the DVD movies available in the treatment rooms.

INVESTED IN HER FIELD

A prosthodontist, Dr. Hopkins has achieved a level of education that surpasses 98 percent of all dentists in the United States. An award-winning graduate from the nation's top dental school, Dr. Hopkins elected to attend three additional years of advanced education in order to become a prosthodontist. As a prost-

odontist, she possesses a deep understanding about the complex structure of the mouth and jaw. Combined with her knowledge in other disciplines, including orthodontics and oral surgery, Dr. Hopkins is able to treat the most difficult cases by leading a team of experts in multiple disciplines to provide patients with complete, comprehensive dental care. Her skill in cosmetic and restorative dentistry makes her one of the most highly sought-after dentists in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

When it comes to the future of dentistry, Dr. Hopkins sees encouraging developments for women. While a student, there were only 10 women in Dr. Hopkins' class of about 100. Recently, at a teaching engagement at Baylor University, she noticed a 50/50 split in the class and is happy to see more women entering her field.

That emphasis on caring helps Dr. Hopkins create beautiful smiles every day, on the faces of her patients and on the faces of the lives she touches in her community.

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