Victory Dental Brings Air Abrasion to Boise, Idaho as an Alternative to the Dreaded Drill

For years the dental drill and anesthetic needle have haunted our dental nightmares. Victory Dental, a dentist office in Boise, Idaho, is blasting away this nightmare and decay without a drill and often without pain.

Boise, ID (PRWEB) May 10, 2012 -- The dental drill has been the star in horror movies and the butt of dentist jokes for years. The thought of the pain that nasty instrument might inflict or the site of a giant anesthetic needle aimed at the mouth has made more than one anxious patient put off making that dental call. Wouldn’t it be great if it were possible to remove decay without a drill and without anesthesia? Well now it is. Air abrasion, a technology that has been refined for over 34 years, is now offered in Boise, Idaho at Victory Dental, as a replacement for the drill when surface work is required.

Boise dentist, Dr. David Ripplinger of Victory Dental, explains how air abrasion works. “Air abrasion is like a mini sandblaster, sweeping away decay with tiny particles of silica and aluminum oxide. What’s great is that it uses helium and can be used at a very low air pressure which usually creates no sensitivity to the patient, completely eliminating the need for anesthesia.”

Air abrasion can be used for more than just removing decay, it may also be used to remove surface stains on teeth, make small adjustments to a restoration for the perfect bite, or smooth a rough spot. It can be used to prepare teeth for sealants or to remove existing composite materials.

The possibility of getting away from anesthesia is only one of many benefits of using air abrasion technology; others include:

• No drilling noise, heat, vibration, and excessive pressure associated with a drill.
• Reduced risk of micro fractures that could occur with drilling.
• More of the natural tooth is left untouched.
• Because there is no numbing involved, multiple teeth can be treated in one visit.
• Teeth are left with micropores, which aids in the bonding of filling material.

As great as this break through might be, we will not be able to completely bag the drill. It is still the instrument of choice for removing deep decay, preparing a tooth for a crown or performing a root canal. But, especially if the cavity can be caught in the early stages, air abrasion makes a huge leap for improving the dental experience.
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