



Top 2005 DENTISTS

OUR THIRD-ANNUAL GUIDE TO THE BEST DRILL SERGEANTS IN
THE CITY, FEATURING 101 PRACTITIONERS IN SEVEN SPECIALTIES.

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Periodontists deal with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the tissues surrounding the teeth.

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DENTAL FACT:

The most valuable tooth on record belonged to Sir Isaac Newton. In 1816, one of his teeth was sold in London for \$3,633. In today's market, that translates to approximately \$35,700. The tooth was set in a ring.

Source: Guinness World Records

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Something to Smile About

The Dave Pratt Dental Clinic in Phoenix is helping underprivileged children get the same dental care as other kids around the Valley.

There aren't a lot of kids who would consider themselves lucky to be going to the dentist, but that's exactly what the boys and girls who visit the Dave Pratt Dental Clinic are – lucky.

Because of the high costs associated with going to the dentist, many kids around the Valley aren't able to get the dental work they need. As a result, "nearly 50 percent of the tooth decay among children goes untreated," says Carlos Samano, a clinic spokesperson.

It's a serious concern, and that's where the Dave Pratt Dental Clinic comes in. Devoted to helping children throughout Arizona, the clinic offers free dental work to those in need. "There are so many children going without dental care," says Jemeille Ackourey, another clinic spokesperson. "The need for orthodontic work for our children is astronomical. If we can get them when they are young... it's really a help."

What's more, Ackourey says, oral pain, which is easily prevented by regular checkups, is the No. 1 reason for absenteeism in schools. But that's just one of the problems that are going untreated. As it turns out, most first-time visitors to the clinic are in need of more than one procedure. In fact, a typical patient often needs as many as five different procedures, ranging from root canals to cleanings to caps and palate expanders.

Once treated, the patients are encouraged to return annually for checkups – this helps ensure they're maintaining good dental hygiene. "We'd love to do it every six months, but we just can't

do it financially," Ackourey says, adding that about 25 percent of their patients each year are new.

The clinic is offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, and was created, in part, by KMLE morning radio personality Dave Pratt, who provided the initial funding, and is still actively involved in the program's operations.

"A lot of people ask me what I've been most proud of in my radio career," Dave Pratt says. "My answer is always the same – the Dave Pratt Dental Clinic for underprivileged kids. Now in its fifth year, the clinic serves more than 5,000 children a year, and they're being treated by some of the Valley's top professionals, with state-of-the-art dental equipment. I'm proud to say that the kids at our clinic are receiving the same level of care as other kids throughout the Valley and state."

"This is his favorite charity," Ackourey says. "He's at all of our events, and he's out raising money to help support us. If it weren't for Dave Pratt, we wouldn't exist."

In addition to offering free dental work, the clinic also provides children and parents with proper healthcare education. "They don't just get their cavities filled," Samano says. "They're also being educated – in both English and Spanish."

The Dave Pratt Dental Clinic is located at 1601 W. Sherman Street in Phoenix. For more information, call 602-954-8182.

— Ryan Kost