

My Happy Ending



This story starts when I was in the fourth grade. I was hit in the mouth by a softball. Little did I know that this one act would cause years of pain and embarrassment. Damage assessment: 2 front teeth needed root canals and both would need crowns. Sounds pretty simple, right? Wrong! **Those with a weak pain threshold beware!!**

In 2002 my troubles and pain began. I had decided, upon my dentist's advice, to get crowns on both teeth. What I received was ill fitting, metal crowns which left my gums purple, swollen and my self confidence in shatters. I initially expected to have perfect teeth that would be better protected after getting my crowns, but we all know what we get when we assume.

In 2003 the company that initially did my crowns agreed to redo the ill-fitting crowns at no charge! Little did I know that this was as bad as a mistake as the first time I had them done. The new dentist (yes ANOTHER dentist) ground down my posts to the point there was very little for my crown to attach to. My gums looked like I literally had a trough around the posts.

In 2005, 2 years later I got a new dentist (#3) and fought with my insurance agency so that I could get the crowns replaced for a 3rd time! I won, and I was able to get better fitting crowns in hope that the constant infection of the gums would be fixed. This dentist was kind, patient and attentive, however the infection continued, my breath got worse and my confidence in EVER having my smile back was gone! My dentist, at the time, was willing to re-do the crowns but afraid that the problem would continue. At this point I was told that dental implants would be my best option for long term satisfaction and to ensure the infection would heal. During this same time period I had one root canal re-done and on this tooth, my permanent crown broke off and was temporarily glued on, until I could get my implants. (No I am not making ANY of this up.) At this point I was desperate, but wary of the surgery that was being suggested. However I knew that a decision needed to be made soon.

With the advice of my mother-in-law, I decided I needed a second opinion to determine whether surgery was absolutely needed. She suggested I call Dr. Stagis for a consultation. Within only a few days Dr. Stagis's staff welcomed me and the beginning to a new Me began! So as the story goes, Dr. Stagis worked his magic in only one appointment. The time and dedication was incredible!

It's hard to believe that only a month ago, I hated my smile, had little hopes of a turnaround and now my outlook has completely changed. The infection has pretty much healed itself. My teeth look great and I am confident that my crowns are an excellent long-term solution to my problem. Dr. Stagis further ensured my satisfaction by applying veneers to ensure that the front four teeth matched, suggested whitening treatment and during the entire process explained every detail during my road to recovery!

I truly appreciate the confidence that Dr. Stargis and his staff has given me. Not only are they extremely professional, but the family environment they promote is awesome! Not only am I a patient of Dr. Stargis, but I have been welcomed into his family as well. Thank you so much and I look forward to what the future will hold, a beautiful smile that you created!!!" Monica C.