

The practice

River Practice, in Truro, Cornwall is an independently owned sister practice to The Crescent Specialist Dental Centre in Plymouth. We share the same philosophies and many of the same team. As with The Crescent, our overriding aim is to work closely with general practitioners and to provide a referral service without competing for the same work. River Practice will allow us to provide the same level of high quality care and support in a more accessible location for our Cornish patients.

Our patients remain under the overall care of their referring dentist, who will be kept closely informed of the treatment that we are providing. There are often elements of a treatment plan that can, if preferred, be carried out by the referring dentist in their own practice, and we are happy to provide advice where required.

Why refer to us?

All the dental indemnity companies advise that in most cases, patients requiring complex work should be offered referral to a specialist. Failure to do so can leave the dentist open to claims of malpractice. Referral demonstrates to a patient that you want the best for them, and this strengthens their trust in you. Because we are referral only, you can be assured that your patient will return to your care. As we encourage the active participation of the referring dentist, referral enables you to take part in complex multi-disciplinary treatment plans yet concentrate on your strengths. We are able to offer your patients some of the highest quality treatment available anywhere, at very competitive prices.

Payment can often be made in interest free instalments.

Our services

Subject to funding availability, we hope to be able to accept NHS referrals for orthodontic patients aged 17 and under. Please check with us before referring NHS patients. Other services are provided under private contract only.

Orthodontics

We have extensive experience in treating a wide range of patients, and can offer treatment with a full range of appliances, including aesthetic appliances such as lingual fixed, and positioner systems such as Invisalign. The latter is a popular option as it allows the correction of a range of mild malocclusions with appliances that are almost invisible, and can be removed for eating and cleaning. However, it is only suitable for a relatively small number of patients.



Before



After

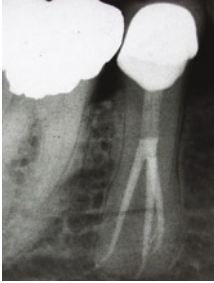
Prosthodontic / Restorative

We can offer solutions to a wide range of fixed and removable prosthodontic problems, and cosmetic dentistry, although these aspects of a treatment plan are usually carried out by the referring dentist unless you request otherwise.

Endodontics

Using an operating microscope, we are often able to locate and trace difficult areas of the pulpal anatomy and repair perforations or retrieve fractured files. We can also provide a full range of surgical endodontics. It is often more cost-effective for patients and practitioners alike to have all endodontic treatment carried out in

specialist practice as it provides very consistent results and enables the referring dentist to concentrate on restoring the crown of the tooth with confidence.



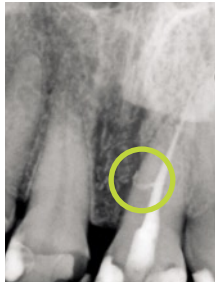
Complex apical anatomy



Apicectomy



Geminated UR2



Lateral Canal

Implantology

We have no immediate plans to provide an implant service at the River Practice. However, our team remain happy to accept referrals to The Crescent in Plymouth where we can offer patients a range of implant systems. From single tooth replacement to full-mouth rehabilitation, we have the experience and the expertise.

Periodontology

The correct management of periodontal disease is becoming increasingly important clinically and medico-legally. We have expertise in the control of active disease, in bone regeneration, and in the management of soft tissue aesthetics.

We are also very experienced in the orthodontic realignment of teeth that have drifted following periodontal disease.

Radiography

If required, we can simply arrange to take panoramic or cephalometric radiographs for you. Radiographic referral forms are available on request.

Our commitment to you

1. We will acknowledge your referral within 3 days of receipt.
2. We will contact your patient to arrange a consultation within 7 days.
3. We will provide your patient with a full written treatment plan and quote.
4. We will keep you informed of the treatment plan, and offer you the opportunity to provide any aspects of treatment that would be appropriate.
5. We will provide the highest quality of clinical care for your patient.
6. When we have finished the work for which the patient was referred, we will return them to you for their ongoing dental care.

How to refer

For medio-legal reasons, we prefer written referral. We supply referral cards and pre-paid envelopes. Alternatively, referral letters can be faxed, or emailed. Referrals for urgent cases will be accepted by telephone, but should be supported by a referral note given to the patient.

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