

# Ask The Dentists

Dear Dr. Winter, my son has many decayed teeth from years of drinking Soda and he is having pain everywhere. My question is how do we start and what can be done to get him out of pain now.

Dear J.,

If your son has an emergency, we will always get him in within a day at Hampton Dental Associates. Please call us at 414-464-9021 to schedule a visit for your son. We will need to do several things to see how to best help him. First we do a complete examination which includes x-rays, oral cancer screening and evaluation of his teeth and gums. Next, we decide how to save teeth and if they are non-restorable what his options are going to be. I always discuss the options, alternatives, costs, benefits and risks of all treatment options. Then based upon your desires and budget we formulate a plan that we can start to get your son out of pain. This may require taking the nerve out of teeth (root canal therapy) or removing teeth and making a temporary prosthesis so he can smile again.

Once we have handled the pain he is experiencing we can create an Upgrade path so we can work within your budget to begin restoring your son's teeth to health. When someone has lost all of their tooth structure due to decay or gum disease we can discuss Implants, mini-implants, snap-on-dentures, screw retained teeth called hybrids or actual bridges that can be cemented to these implants. The level of treatment and the sequencing of treatment will create a pathway toward better chewing and smiling!

If you go to [www.hamptondentalassociates.com](http://www.hamptondentalassociates.com) you can go to publications and read articles Dr. Winter has published on all of these implant related options. There is a series of articles called Upgradeable Dentistry Parts 1,2,3 and 4 that actually show all of these options.

With the internet it is easier than ever to research options for dental care. We have been serving



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Milwaukee for 94 years and would be happy to welcome you or our other readers to our dental family.

Please read our articles, listen to our testimonials and do research on our newly designed website. We also have a great blog and Facebook page and if you simply click on the icons on top of our website you can read all of our Ask The Dentist columns, read our monthly blog and visit our funny Facebook site.

We look forward to meeting you, your son and our other readers from our Ask the Dentists columns.

Yours for great dental health!

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