

Atlanta's Reason to Smile

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For Dr. Kevin Dancy, coming back to work in the community he knew and loved was just common sense. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Dancy found his education in Tennessee and Michigan before returning home to serve his hometown through his work with Great Expressions. Check out how this talented restorative and cosmetic dentist keeps Atlanta smiling.

Tell me about yourself and the path that led you to becoming a dentist.

I was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. I attended Atlanta public schools. During high school I developed an interest in science and participated in science fairs. Science subjects were really interesting to me. When I entered Morehouse College I declared a major in biology. From there I attended Meharry Medical College

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

Name:

Wm. Kevin Dancy, DDS, MS, MAGD

Practice Name:

Great Expressions Dental Center — Cascade

Graduate From:

Meharry Medical College - School of Dentistry (DDS) — University of Michigan (M.S. in Restorative Dentistry)

Practice Location:

Atlanta, Georgia

Practice Size:

16 operatories, 2 general dentists, 3 specialists, 3 dental hygienists

Staff:

7 office personnel staff

Bonding Agents

- OptiBond
(Kerr Corporation)

Cements

- Ketac Cem (3M ESPE)
- RelyX Luting Plus

Implants

- Nobel Biocare

Impression Materials:

- Impregum (3M ESPE)

Restoratives

- Gradia Direct (GC America)
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- emax (Ivoclar Vivadent)

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School of Dentistry. Upon graduation I enrolled in the masters program in restorative dentistry at the University of Michigan.

What drew you to dentistry? What inspired your career decision?

I was introduced to dentistry through my own orthodontic experience. While in high school I thought it was pretty interesting going to the orthodontist and soon I found myself asking

my orthodontist questions about the different instruments he used. By the time I got to college, I knew I wanted to be a dentist. That was my dream, my goal, my focus.

What was your biggest concern after you graduated? How has that changed?

My biggest concern after graduation was finding my niche in the field. After completing the masters program at University of

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Michigan, I knew that my passion in restorative cosmetic dentistry was truly going to be my niche.

Tell me about your practice. What's your workflow like?

My office has 16 operatories. There are two general dentists and three hygienists practicing here every day. We also have three specialists who rotate through our office weekly.

What is your practice philosophy?

Great Expressions provides access to affordable dental care without sacrificing quality or convenience. Our team puts patients' needs first because our patients rely on us to improve their oral health and we deliver it, one smile at a time.

Do you have partners or associates?

Yes. Great Expressions has a defined career path. As a partner doctor I am able to deliver all aspects of dentistry and advocate for clinical and operational protocols.

You're a native to the Atlanta area. What is it like to practice in the community you grew up in?

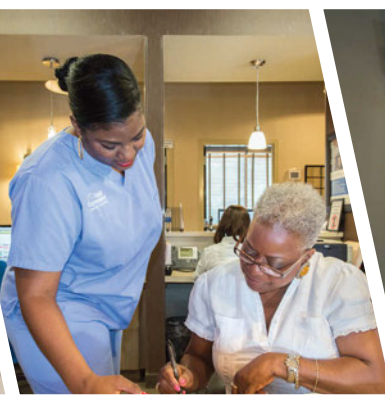
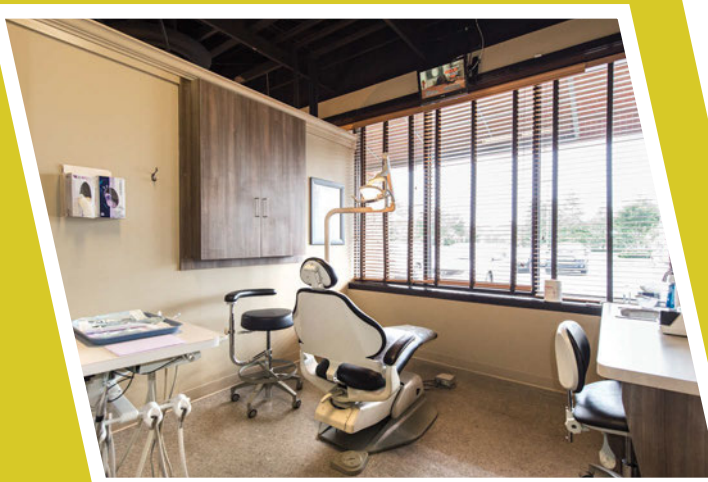
I absolutely love practicing in the community in which I grew up. It affords me the opportunity to serve people who I've known for my entire life, as well as those newer patients who live or work in the community.

You focus on general, restorative and cosmetic dentistry. What is your favorite procedure?

I thoroughly enjoy restorative and cosmetic dentistry. The most rewarding part of this aspect of dentistry is patients' reactions to the beautiful work they see. Patients seem amazed at their beautiful, natural-looking new smile. Being able to recreate beautiful smiles in a painless environment fuels the passion I have for dentistry.

How do you set yourself apart among your peers?

I would say that patience sets me apart. I believe in making sure that all of my patients understand what we do and why we do it. It takes time to educate people, but I feel most patients truly appreciate it.





DR. DANCY'S TOP PRODUCT — MI Paste Plus

<p>When did you start using it?</p>	<p>About 3 years ago</p>
<p>Why can you not live/work without it?</p>	<p>The reviews from the patients regarding the decrease in sensitivity when using this product have been positive.</p>
<p>When do you use this item?</p>	<p>I tend to use this product with bleaching procedures, periodontal procedures and some aesthetic procedures.</p>
<p>How do you market this item to your patients?</p>	<p>The product is usually marketed during our initial consultation visit. Depending on the patients' needs, we introduce this product to familiarize them of the efficacy it provides.</p>

What do you enjoy most about working with Great Expressions?

The best thing about working with Great Expressions is that this model gives patients the best treatment options under one roof. Because specialists rotate through this office, our patients can receive all of their treatment in one location versus having to go outside the office for treatment. I believe patients love the convenience of seeing their general dentist and if needed, the specialist, at the same location.

Looking ahead, where would you like to see dentistry as a profession in five to ten years?

I would like to see the advancement of research-based technology. I am excited about what the new state-of-the-art modalities are in dentistry. From even more beautiful, natural-looking, single-unit aesthetic restorations to full-mouth implant restorative dentistry. I believe the next five to 10 years will prove to be a huge jump in all these areas.

When you're not working what do you spend your time doing?

When I'm not working I enjoy spending quality time with my family, exercising at the gym and doing other fitness activities, attending music concerts and traveling. ■



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