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Best Dentists

The Area's Top General Dentists, Orthodontists, Periodontists, and Others Who Make You Smile.

By SHERRI DALPHONSE

What's the best way to find a dentist? Word of mouth, of course.

Friends, colleagues, and neighbors are a good place to start when you're searching for a new dentist. If you already have a general dentist but need a specialist for a root canal, braces, or an implant, ask your dentist to refer you to a specialist.

We used the same approach to put together this list of the area's top dentists. We sent questionnaires to 1,000 randomly selected dentists, asking them to

name dentists they would send a member of their own family to. Those dentists who received the highest number of votes in each specialty are named here. Those names marked with asterisks are the top vote-getters.

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What's the best way to whiten teeth? To fill a gap in your smile? [Here is what's good to know.](#)

Lists such as these can be criticized for leaving off good dentists or for including dentists whose reputations are bigger than their skills. How does that happen?

Dentists tend to be known by other dentists through referrals—for example, an orthodontist will see the work of pediatric dentists who refer to him or her. This works against dentists who make few referrals, who work in out-of-the-way places, or who are younger and haven't established as many connections. At the same time, dentists frequently refer to other dentists because they like the person and maybe they play golf together. In a field that's not life and death, personality can be a factor as well as talent.

To address both problems, we did our own research, interviewing experts about overlooked or overrated names.

Although the dentists on this list come highly recommended, that's no guarantee they'll be right for you. Dentists may know a peer's work. But they often can't judge things you may feel are important, such as whether a dentist is gentle, whether his or her staff is pleasant, and whether prices are reasonable. Well-known practices are often big and busy.

This list is intended as just one resource to help you find good dental care.

GOOD GENERAL DENTISTS

Jeffrey Almo, Cleveland Park; 202-362-5596

Alona Bauer, Chevy Chase; 301-664-9695

George I. Baxter, Downtown DC; 202-296-3330

***Michael M. Blicher**, Downtown DC; 202-638-5400

Sharon Brown, Spring Valley; 202-244-4477

Bernard T. Carr, Alexandria; 703-354-0111

John A. Chick, Tenleytown; 202-362-8065. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

Andrew C. Cobb, Friendship Heights; 202-686-9100

Morris Cohen, Downtown DC; 202-659-9100

Neil H. Cohen, Chevy Chase; 301-654-7760

***Paul Cohen**, Downtown DC; 202-659-9100

Sara Cohen, Downtown DC; 202-659-9100

Stanley Cohen, Olney; 301-774-1020

Margaret Culotta-Norton, Downtown DC; 202-833-1111

Daniel J. Deutsch, Downtown DC; 202-223-6630

Robert H. DeWitt, McLean; 703-734-5707

Marc D. Doctors, Downtown DC; 202-223-0029

Robert G. Donahue, Friendship Heights; 202-966-4050

J. William Donaldson, Friendship Heights; 202-966-4050

Douglas Drewyer, Silver Spring; 301-622-1717

***John W. Drumm**, Glover Park; 202-333-4603. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

James Dryden Jr., Falls Church; 703-532-7586

Beverly W. Dunn, Bethesda; 301-530-4000

Robert Early, Bethesda; 301-530-4300

Thomas Eichler, Reston; 703-860-3200

Allan Falk, Rockville; 301-340-2626

Ali R. Fassihi, Downtown DC; 202-293-9804

Barry Feldman, Wheaton; 301-946-7447

Philip S. Ferris, McLean; 703-356-1800

Danine M. Fresch-Gray, Clarendon; 703-525-5901

***Eugene C. Gadaire**, West End; 202-331-1554. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

***Eugene T. Giannini**, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

Lawrence Goldbaum, Rockville; 301-770-1555

Leonard S. Gordon, Gaithersburg; 301-258-1998

***Brian Gray**, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111

M. Gary Greenbaum, Gaithersburg; 301-948-4855

Fred Greenspon, Downtown DC; 202-223-0767

Michael Grishman, Chevy Chase; 301-652-2277

Steven F. Guy, Silver Spring; 301-593-5500

Cecelia Gyllenhoff, Alexandria; 703-212-7500

Bruce R. Hutchison, Centreville; 703-830-9110

Margaret H. Irvin, Woodley Park; 202-244-6650

J. Steven Kahan, Chevy Chase; 301-656-6708

Gary Kaihara, West End, 202-466-3333; also McLean, 703-356-3556

H. Charles Jelinek Jr., Fairfax; 703-560-8700

Sharman Johnson, Downtown DC; 202-822-5272

Michael J. Kaminski, Olney; 301-774-3800

Kim Kitchen, Alexandria; 703-836-7000

John D. Kling II, Old Town Alexandria; 703-548-5440

Henry J. Konigsberg, Southwest DC; 202-488-8300

Stacia Krantz, Germantown; 301-428-9888

William H. Lady, Downtown DC; 202-296-3626

Nadina Lambert, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111

Paul LaRose, Downtown DC; 202-347-1220

William Lessne, North Arlington; 703-526-9700

Harvey M. Levin, Downtown DC; 202-466-4466

Paul E. Levine, McLean; 703-356-3960

David E. Liebeskind, Beltsville; 301-572-5252

John F. Lippert, College Park; 301-779-2525

Katherine McGrath, Fairfax; 703-978-6556

Scott D. McKinney, McLean; 703-356-3035

Philip M. Maiese, Foggy Bottom; 202-466-4530

Michael D. Marcus, Silver Spring; 301-681-2969

John Martin, Tenleytown; 202-966-1900

Stanley O. Mayer, Bethesda; 301-654-4848

John J. Mistretta, Rockville; 301-840-0600

Charles A. Nardiello, Fairfax; 703-591-5637

Bradley J. Olson, Waldorf; 301-843-6621. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

George Orlove, Falls Church; 703-534-7900

John Parker, Leesburg; 703-777-6453

***Judith A. Penski**, Tenleytown; 202-244-6650

Larry J. Peterson, Downtown DC; 202-785-0555

Dean J. Phass, Falls Church; 703-824-0055

Sophia C. Phass, Falls Church; 703-824-0055

Steven Philips, Spring Valley; 202-244-5900

Jeffrey M. Pukatch, Downtown DC; 202-338-4041

Adel Rizkalla, Falls Church; 703-671-2222

Ronald A. Rosenberg, Rockville; 301-770-1555

Stephen F. Rosenblum, Springfield; 703-971-3100

Lawrence Rosenman, Springfield; 703-256-8554

Stuart Ross, Downtown DC; 202-223-6300

Kevin Ryan, Springfield; 703-354-8811. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

Steven Schlafstein, Bethesda; 301-530-1133

Paul Schwartzman, Rockville; 301-838-4145

Paul C. Sebastian Jr., Bethesda; 301-530-4300

Selvaggio Salvatore, Cleveland Park; 202-362-5596

Joel Sendroff, Chevy Chase DC; 202-244-4149

David Sibley, Fairfax; 703-715-9227

Jeffrey Sisel, South Arlington; 703-931-5333

Richard A. Spagna, Falls Church; 703-532-7212. Also highly regarded for cosmetic work.

Dennis Stiles, Kentlands; 301-947-6900

Marie Tigani Stiles, Kentlands; 301-947-6900

Rena T. Vakay, Alexandria; 703-256-7700

Richard M. Whittington, Vienna; 703-938-8333

Paul N. Zimmet, Alexandria; 703-931-4544

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ENDODONTISTS

Endodontists specialize in root canals.

William Bernier, Old Town Alexandria, 703-836-0006; Seven Corners, 703-534-0330

Edward Besner, Reston, 703-437-6666; Springfield, 703-569-0000

John Douglas Bramwell, Reston, 703-437-6666; Springfield, 703-564-0000

Steven C. Cohen, Downtown DC, 202-659-2552; Chevy

Chase, 301-654-1818; Rockville, 301-984-3800

Gael M. Delany, Friendship Heights; 202-364-0234

Richard J. Dellork, Vienna; 703-281-5522

Eda Elbirlik, Chevy Chase; 301-907-2931

John Ehreth, Manassas; 703-257-0481

Michael A. Fabio, Reston, 703-437-6666; Springfield,
703-569-0000

Kathleen T. Frankle, Northwest DC; 202-659-5986

Edward K. Gamson, Bethesda; 301-493-4496

Tim Golian, Fairfax; 703-273-8798

Allan J. Goodfriend, Clinton, 301-868-5500; Waldorf,
301-843-3290

Nelson J. Goodman, Downtown DC, 202-659-2552; Chevy
Chase, 301-654-1818

Tony Hsu, Chevy Chase; 301-907-2931

Gary Johnson, Vienna; 703-883-3990

Paul Kobernick, Chevy Chase; 301-913-0600

Martin D. Levin, Chevy Chase; 301-654-6077

Stanley M. Levin, Falls Church, 703-534-4884; Burke,
703-978-2525; Ballston, 703-527-6885

Justin Martin, McLean, 703-734-0334; also Gaithersburg,
301-212-9888

David M. Melrod, Northwest DC; 202-659-5986

Michael Mocknick, Gaithersburg, 301-212-9888; also McLean,
703-734-0334

Julian Moiseiwitsch, Friendship Heights; 202-364-0234

Maryam Monfared, Arlington; 703-528-4384

Angela P. Noguera, Downtown DC; 202-861-0045

David Palmieri, Old Town Alexandria, 703-836-0006; Seven
Corners, 703-534-0330

Michael I. Pascal, Downtown DC; 202-822-0732

Sudha P. Patil, McLean; 703-847-0989

Michael D. Peterson, Silver Spring; 301-754-0500

Michael Piccinino, Manassas; 703-368-8120

Frank Portell, Old Town Alexandria, 703-836-0006; Seven Corners, 703-534-0330

***Michael J. Ribera**, Downtown DC, 202-659-2552; Chevy Chase, 301-654-1818

Clara I. Rodriguez, Downtown DC; 202-659-8568

Paula L. Russo, Downtown DC; 202-861-0045

Fredric H. Simon, Chevy Chase, 301-654-1818; Rockville, 301-984-3800

Edward Strittmatter, Centreville; 703-815-3636

Michael Tanenhaus, Bethesda; 301-530-4112

Kenneth Way, Gaithersburg, 301-212-9888; also McLean, 703-734-0334

Michael H. Weber, Rockville, 301-231-0744; Gaithersburg, 301-869-3900

***Pirooz A. Zia**, Chevy Chase; 301-907-2931

Burton Zwibel, Old Town Alexandria, 703-836-0006; Seven Corners, 703-534-0330

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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

These surgeons are trained in operating on the mouth, jaws, and face, including tooth extraction, reconstruction of fractured jaws, and implants. Prosthodontists also specialize in implants.

Ralph W. Alman Jr., Rockville; 301-881-8803

Alan Behrens, Rockville; 301-984-9111

Christopher E. Bonacci, Vienna; 703-255-9400

Theodore P. Corcoran, Falls Church, 703-534-6500; North Arlington, 703-522-6440

Jane Daly, Bowie, 301-262-1800; Olney, 301-924-2155

Edward B. Delgado, Tysons, 703-506-1414; Alexandria, 703-317-1717

Patrick J. Dolan, Centreville, 703-368-7053; Reston, 703-435-7100; Fairfax, 703-385-5777

William R. Dzyak, Kensington, 301-942-4900; Gaithersburg, 301-926-1100

***Robert W. Emery**, Downtown DC; 202-466-3323

Gary J. Funari, Olney, 301-774-6200; Rockville, 301-990-8400; Mount Airy, 301-831-0110

Jeffrey Gitelman, Downtown DC; 202-223-3391

Richard L. Giuliani, Chevy Chase; 301-652-7372

Kenneth S. Goldblatt, Gaithersburg, 301-926-2928; Silver Spring, 301-681-7500; Frederick, 301-682-3355

Leonard Goldman, Silver Spring; 301-439-3550

Stuart L. Graves, Burke, 703-425-5010; Reston, 703-736-1640

Eugene W. Gregory, Falls Church; 703-534-2744

***Steven A. Guttenberg**, Downtown DC; 202-466-3323

Jay Heffron, Clinton, Waldorf, Washington Park, Dunkirk

Arthur Jee, Laurel, 301-498-3900; Olney, 301-570-9366

H. Ryan Kazemi, Bethesda; 301-654-7070

Paul H. Krogh, Downtown DC; 202-466-8733

Michael Kuzmik, Alexandria, 703-317-1717; Tysons, 703-506-1414

Peter Liashek, Germantown; 301-916-0486

J. Daniel LaBriola, Annandale; 703-256-2307

Jeffrey A. Lane, Burke, 703-764-2077; Fairfax, 703-385-5777

***Clarence C. Lindquist**, Chevy Chase, 301-652-8555; Downtown DC, 202-466-7555

John J. Mennitt, Olney, 301-924-2155; Bowie, 301-262-1800

Leonard Merlo, Rockville; 301-468-0020

Edward R. Mopsik, Spring Valley; 202-362-9220

George Obeid, Washington Hospital Center; 202-877-7332

Travis T. Patterson III, Falls Church, 703-534-6500; North Arlington, 703-522-6440

Jeffrey Posnick, Chevy Chase; 301-986-9475. A plastic

surgeon and an oral maxillofacial surgeon.

Steven Press, North Arlington; 703-524-1195

***David S. Ross**, Bethesda; 301-656-9565

Kevin G. Schwartz, Olney, 301-774-6200; Mount Airy, 301-831-0110; Rockville, 301-990-8400

Kim Silloway, Centreville, 703-266-0026; Fairfax, 703-385-5777

***Peter W. Smith**, Reston, 703-435-7100; Fairfax, 703-385-5777; Burke, 703-764-2077

J. Thomas Soliday, Gaithersburg; 301-948-9800

Terry Sweeney, Gaithersburg, 301-926-2928; Silver Spring, 301-681-7500; Frederick, 301-682-3355

David A. Whiston, Falls Church, 703-534-6500; North Arlington, 703-522-6440

***Henry W. Zussman**, Fairfax, 703-385-5777; Reston, 703-435-7100; Burke, 703-764-2077

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ORTHODONTISTS

Orthodontists are for straightening teeth.

Kolman P. Apt, Herndon, 703-437-8700; Ashburn, 703-729-9060

M. Alan Bagden, Springfield; 703-451-3900

Greg Bath, Vienna, 703-938-4614; Great Falls, 703-759-9453

Scott C. Berman, Falls Church, 703-241-9191; Herndon, 703-481-3338

John Bilodeau, Springfield; 703-451-4666

Michael J. Blackwood, College Park, 301-983-1641; Northwest DC, 202-362-1468; Potomac, 301-983-1641

***Darlene Byrd**, Tenleytown; 202-686-2108

William E. Crutchfield, Chantilly; 703-263-0575

Irvin M. Davis, Gaithersburg; 301-869-4242

Lisa DeMarco, Silver Spring; 301-593-6363

Michael G. Dunegan, Manassas, 703-361-5698; Warrenton, 540-347-9322

Henry F. Dutson, Burke, 703-250-2214; Annandale,
703-750-9393

Duane Erickson, Silver Spring, 301-236-0600; Olney,
301-924-5500

Daniel Farber, Rockville; 301-881-5560

Kenneth M. Fauteux, Fairfax; 703-691-8388

Harold A. Fleming, Falls Church; 703-534-8711

Harold L. Frank, North Arlington, 703-522-2225; Woodbridge,
703-590-6966

Linda Hallman, Chevy Chase; 301-654-7910

Charles Harrington, North Potomac; 301-977-1441

Lina Johnson, Burke; 703-440-0100

Rodney Klima, Burke; 703-425-5125

Harold Kogod, Wheaton, 301-949-5280; Potomac,
301-983-2515

Melvin Kogod, Wheaton, 301-949-5280; Potomac,
301-983-2515

Donald Larson, Old Town Alexandria; 703-838-8998

Donald V. Liang, Chevy Chase, 202-362-1468; College Park,
301-927-8991; Potomac, 301-983-1641

Amy Light, Potomac; 301-983-9804. Also a trained pediatric
dentist.

Mark A. Luposello, McLean; 703-356-8781

Richard U. Mattson, Olney; 301-924-2405

Deirdre J. Maull, McLean; 703-556-9400

Michael A. McCombs, Vienna, 703-938-4614; Great Falls,
703-759-9453

Elias Misri, Chevy Chase; 301-718-7222

***Jeremy D. Orchin**, Friendship Heights; 202-686-5100

Carmine Petrarca, Bethesda; 301-897-5880; Greenbelt,
301-220-3737

Jack J. Rosenberg, Burke; 703-250-2208

Peter M. Sheehan, Germantown; 703-972-0600

***John Shefferman**, Downtown DC; 202-338-7128

Hani Thariani, North Arlington and Herndon; 703-527-5654

William J. Thomas, Vienna; 703-281-0466

Stephen Tigani, Tenleytown; 202-362-0070

William Wallert, Springfield; 703-451-3900

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PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Pediatric dentists treat children and adolescents.

Mark V. Barren, Gaithersburg; 301-977-2200

Charles L. Broring Sr., Bethesda, 301-652-1440; Northwest DC, 202-364-1157

Paul J. Broring, Bethesda, 301-652-1440; Spring Valley, 202-237-2833

Robert D. Camps, Silver Spring; 301-989-8994

Jerome S. Casper, Crofton, 301-261-0414; Olney, 301-924-5500

Jeff Davis, Reston; 703-456-0800

Karen Dunegan, Warrenton; 540-349-1234

Michael Estessami, Bethesda, 301-654-3011; Columbia, 410-992-4400; Sterling, 703-406-8600

Paul Goldstein, Burke; 703-978-1903

***Ronald F. Gravitz**, Rockville, 301-762-2236; Greenbelt, 301-345-2880

***Dana S. Greenwald**, Friendship Heights; 202-966-0045

James A. Heffner, Clinton; 301-868-0133

Gary R. Kramer, Burke; 703-978-0051

Roger K. Kuwabara, Rockville; 301-881-0220

Scott H. Leaf, Springfield, 703-455-1339; Burke, 703-455-9683

Robert S. Morgenstein, Rockville; 301-881-6170

Edward Nelson, North Arlington; 703-525-8200

***Ricardo A. Perez**, Chevy Chase; 301-718-1012

Ronald M. Starr, Bethesda; 301-654-3011

Cris Ann Ternisky, McLean, 703-356-1875; Reston,
703-481-9200

Michael J. Ternisky, McLean; 703-356-1875

Jack Weil, Vienna; 703-255-2573

Carol Wooddell, Burke; 703-440-9701

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PERIODONTISTS

Periodontists concentrate on gum work.

Georgann L. Apgar, Chevy Chase; 301-652-3355

Judith L. Austin, Rockville; 301-881-5500

Sanford A. Barber, Rockville; 301-881-2323

Bonnie Beamer, Greenbelt, 301-345-2880; Downtown DC,
202-331-1746

William K. Brayer, Rockville; 301-869-5595

John F. Bruno, Springfield; 703-644-4100

Tony M. Chehade, Vienna; 703-242-4400

Charles C. Chen, Olney, 301-260-1201; Bethesda,
301-656-0331

Michael Colasanto, Ballston; 703-525-7471

***Sally J. Cram**, Downtown DC; 202-785-3021

Douglas Dompkowski, Bethesda; 301-530-5858

***Roy L. Eskow**, Bethesda, 301-493-6200; Foggy Bottom,
202-337-0200

Harold H. Fagan, Alexandria; 703-823-2422

Michael L. Gannon, Vienna; 703-938-6022

M. Joan Gillespie, Alexandria; 703-823-2228

Mark Gordon, Alexandria; 703-683-0117

A. Garrett Gouldin, Falls Church; 703-534-1766

Richard Green, Bethesda; 301-530-6902

Stephen Green, Greenbelt; 301-345-1222

Steven M. Kaufman, Downtown DC; 202-223-2211

Michael E. Kossak, Downtown DC; 202-393-6154

***Alan M. Levine**, Chevy Chase; 301-652-6409

Douglas Mahn, Manassas; 703-392-8844

Madjid Matin, Chevy Chase; 301-652-9295

Garry M. Miller, Downtown DC; 202-298-6111

Gregory Nosal, Fairfax; 703-273-7144

Michael E. Oppenheimer, Fairfax; 703-591-6700

Peter Passero, Springfield, 703-569-4040; McLean,
703-821-4040

Steven Rice, Rockville; 301-881-5040

Karl Anthony Rose, Chevy Chase; 301-652-3355

Ronald M. Rosenberg, Vienna, 703-893-1640; Leesburg,
703-777-4740

William Ryals, Fairfax; 703-352-3292

***David H. Schneider**, Chevy Chase; 301-652-9295

Arthur Sorkin, Clinton; 301-856-8888

Chester M. Stein, Downtown DC; 202-659-3500

Michael P. Stiglitz, Northwest DC; 202-296-3360

Mark Winnick, Gaithersburg; 301-926-8282

Dennis E. Winson, Bethesda, 301-656-0331; Clinton,
301-868-7716

Alexander J. Withers, Fairfax; 703-273-3300

Bruce Wyman, Springfield, 703-569-4040; McLean,
703-821-4040

Edward Zupnick, Bethesda, 301-656-0331; Clinton,
301-868-7716

Robert Zupnick, Bethesda, 301-656-0331; Clinton,
301-868-7716

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PROSTHODONTISTS

Prosthodontists specialize in implants, dentures, crowns, and bridges.

Howard F. Benson, Downtown DC; 202-785-3030

Hugo A. Bonilla, West End, 202-466-3333; McLean, 703-356-3556

William E. Chmar, Rockville; 301-468-1808

Ngoc Q. Chu, Bethesda, 301-530-2622; Gaithersburg, 301-948-1225

Kambiz Fotoohi, Bethesda; 301-530-6311

Abraham Ingber, Bethesda; 301-652-2300

Joe Kravitz, Bethesda; 301-652-2300

Donald W. Kreuzer, Foggy Bottom; 202-965-5400

Wendy Levine, Chevy Chase; 301-652-9717

Brian A. Mahler, Fairfax; 703-273-7846

Gerald M. Marlin, Chevy Chase; 202-244-2101

Michael J. O'Shea, Falls Church; 703-998-8826

***Vincent J. Prestipino**, Bethesda; 301-652-2300

***Keith Progebin**, Downtown DC; 202-293-5787

Stuart D. Prymas, Burtonsville; 301-421-1996

Richard L. Roen, Downtown DC; 202-466-6965

Lawrence Rothenberg, Chevy Chase; 301-652-1545

Robert J. Sanker, Rockville; 301-468-5566

Conrad Schwalm, Wheaton; 301-460-3331

Steven Somers, Fairfax; 703-573-0011

***Neil L. Starr**, Downtown DC; 202-293-5787

Daniel Y. Sullivan, West End, 202-466-3333; McLean, 703-356-3556

Richard W. Toth, Fairfax; 703-273-7846

Benjamin O. Watkins III, West End, 202-466-3333; McLean, 703-356-3556

Douglas C. Wendt, Springfield; 703-913-5801

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