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Lasers at the Dentist

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If you've been putting off a trip to the dentist due to a fear of pain, your dentist may have a device to make your trip more pleasant.

Lasers have been used for years to perform other medical procedures, and now they can be used on teeth.

Water droplets are energized by the laser and remove tooth decay without any heat or vibrations. "Waterlase" as it's called can be used for a variety of procedures such as decay removal, cavity preparation, and soft tissue procedures.

"It kills all the bacteria and provides a surface where the bonding actually is stronger and goes into the tooth surface," said Dr. David Bogan, Dentist.

"I'll tell you it was great. A little bit of tapping, a little bit of tingling, nothing else," said Patrick Garry, dental patient.

The procedure is almost painless and is currently being used on many disabled or mentally challenged patients.

The cost is the same as traditional fillings, and is generally covered by insurance.

Will you go to a "scary movie" or "haunted house weekend?"

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