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#### Health News

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#### Gentle Dentistry

The phrase "pain-free dentistry" used to be considered an oxymoron, but advances in technology and anesthesia and its delivery have cut down the dread experienced by older generations of Americans.

Dr. Art Scott (Doctor's Row, 3939 Houma Blvd., Metairie, 888-1414, [www.artscott.com](http://www.artscott.com)) says his dental office has taken the science a step further, becoming the first dentist in the area to use the Waterlase Hydrokinetic YSGS dental laser to perform such as filling teeth without shots, numbing or drilling.

Scott, who has practiced dentistry for 25 years, says he believes the dental laser could change the way patients perceive dentistry because in many patients - up to 90 percent of those eligible for the laser procedure -- it eliminates the need for anesthesia. The laser can be used for preparing teeth for fillings, assisting in gum treatments and more.

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