

Instead of Drill, Green Bay Dentist Uses H2ahhhhhh

2 Your Health: Dentist Uses Painless Water Laser

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Dr. Brian Schaefer uses the Waterlase YSGG dental laser to perform no-pain dentistry on his patients.



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Which is the worst part of visiting the dentist: The drill or the shot of Novocaine? A Green Bay dentist is eliminating both.

Duane Berkovitz shares the fear of many patients coming in to have a cavity fixed. “The drill. I don’t like the drill.”

This visit will be different. Dr. Brian Schaefer uses a water laser tool to do it painfully without anesthesia.

“The laser will actually, as the water passes by, the water is doing the actual cutting of the tooth structure,” Dr. Schaefer explains.

Even better, the cavity is repaired in less than ten minutes because there’s no waiting for the Novocaine to take effect.

The water laser is not just for cavities. It’s for root canals, gum repair, bone removal in the mouth, and even to desensitize canker sores.

While there are a lot of uses, there are a couple things the water laser cannot do. It can’t remove silver fillings and it can’t be used in crown work. But it is the answer to perhaps the biggest fears of visiting the dentist.

Schaefer says there is no additional charge for using the water laser and that children especially love it.

“For years patients have asked for an alternative to the dental drill, and this is the answer to a lot of their prayers,” says Schaefer.

“It was comfortable. I didn’t feel a thing. My tooth feels great,” Berkovitz says afterward.