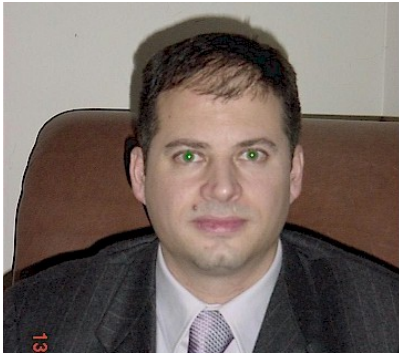


PA Periodontics Expert Observes World No Tobacco Day

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Dr. David DiGiallorenzo, Philadelphia Dental Implants Provider

Tobacco users are more likely to get periodontal disease and Dr. David DiGiallorenzo plans to use World No Tobacco Day to spread the word about this, as well as to inform the public about smoking cessation and periodontal disease treatment options.

Online PR News – 25-May-2010- WILLIAMSPORT AND PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA [PA periodontics](#) expert Dr. David DiGiallorenzo is using the World Health Organization's World No Tobacco Day as a vehicle for educating the public on the dangers tobacco products pose to periodontal health.

World No Tobacco Day will be observed on May 31, according to the WHO website.

"It's no secret that tobacco use can lead to significant health issues, but I don't think that enough people have been educated on the fact that tobacco use can lead to some very serious oral health issues, specifically," said DiGiallorenzo, who owns a Colleagueville and Williamsport periodontics (<http://www.perioimplants.us/blog/>) practice.

About half of all periodontitis cases are attributed to current or former smoking, according to a 2001 Journal of Dental Education article. The article also stated that cigarette and cigar smokers have "significantly greater loss of bone height" than nonsmokers. Pipe smokers also have been shown to suffer more bone loss than those who don't smoke.

Those who use smokeless tobacco products aren't any safer, DiGiallorenzo said. Smokeless tobacco users typically suffer from localized problems at the placement site, such as the cheeks of tobacco chewers and the lower front gum line and inside the lip in those who use smokeless tobacco referred to as "dip."

"It's important to me and the other Williamsport periodontists in the practice to educate people on the oral health dangers of tobacco products, but also to give tobacco users hope," said the [Philadelphia dental implants](#) expert. "Studies show that the progression of periodontal disease slows in patients who stop using tobacco products."

To that end, DiGiallorenzo offers several smoking cessation modes within his practice, including nutrition, pharmaceuticals and hypnosis.

Using tobacco products can increase the chances of getting periodontal disease because it increases the likelihood of having calculus, which is plaque that hardens on the teeth and must be removed by having a professional cleaning, according to the American Academy of Periodontology. It also can lead to the development of deep pockets between the gums and teeth, and can cause bone and tissue loss, which provides less support to the teeth.

Untreated periodontal disease can cause pockets to deepen, which allows more bacteria into areas where it can destroy the supportive bone and soft tissue. Over time, the gums can recede from the teeth and the teeth may eventually become more painful, loose or could even fall out.

DiGiallorenzo treats periodontal disease virtually painlessly with the laser-assisted new attachment procedure commonly referred to as LANAP. It involves no cutting and suturing, he said.

Learn More

If you would like to learn more about World No Tobacco Day, visit the WHO Web site:

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/2010/announcement/en/index.html>. If you would like to learn more about periodontal disease treatment or you would like to schedule a free consultation to determine if you are a candidate for non-surgical treatment, please call Dr. DiGiallorenzo's office: (610) 409-6064 in Collegeville; (570) 322-4741 in Williamsport; or visit his Web site: <http://www.perioimplants.us/>.

About Dr. David Digiallorenzo

Dr. David Digiallorenzo, or "Dr. D," graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1993 and completed a specialty in periodontics and dental implantology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995.

He is a past associate clinical professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Periodontics. He teaches nationally and internationally and is a regular contributor to dental literature.

Dr. D's private practice in suburban Philadelphia concentrates on periodontics, dental implantology, advanced reconstructive case management and TMJ treatment. It is a unique dental spa with two full-time massage therapists that specialize in reflexology, reiki, massage, aromatherapy and homeopathy. This combination creates a relaxed, optimal healing response.

Dr. D has two office locations: 184 W. Main St., Ste. 200, in Collegeville, PA; and 121 E. Fourth St. in Williamsport, PA.

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