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When Dr. Lairy Miller opened his Springdale office in 1992, he vividly recalled his own dismal patient experiences—cramped, windowless waiting areas, receptionists visible only through sliding glass partitions, an overpowering antiseptic smell. His practice, he vowed, would be different.

And it is. First Impressions Dentistry offers a spa-like environment, with comfortable seating, aromatherapy, a coffee and snack bar, warm blankets, even air-massaging dental chairs. During treatment you can listen to music under headphones, watch a DVD, or if you're keen on learning what a root canal really involves, an educational video.

"We promote great dental experiences," Dr. Miller says. "We try to do as well for our patients as we would want someone to do for us, and we definitely feel we hit that mark."

That means careful attention to both fear and pain management, with no use—not ever—of the n-word (needle). Distraction is key. Dr. Miller has a special touch with children: "You know what? We're going to chase cavity bugs today," he tells them. "Here comes Mr. Whistle. Wait! I see the bugs! We'll just suck them up in this magic straw!"

With adults, Dr. Miller's philosophy is to be as painless as possible. He concentrates entirely on tooth preservation, patient comfort, continuing education and the latest dental technology. He derives his approach to dental care from his vast personal experience as a dental patient himself. "I wish I'd known growing up what I know now about taking care of my teeth," he says.

A new laser called Waterlase MD is getting rave reviews. It enables dentists like Dr. Miller, one of only a handful in the area to own one, to perform cavity preps and remove decay often without anesthetic, prepare crown/bridge applications, and even manage gum disease and whiten smiles. "There's less discomfort, less bleeding, better healing," he says, "and you don't hear that whiny, whirring sound that everyone dislikes. Laser dentistry is the cutting edge of premier dentistry today!"

Meanwhile, the staff at First Impressions Dentistry is always welcoming and hospitable. No sliding glass; no disembodied voices. All friendly faces.

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