

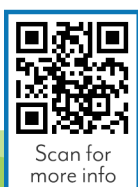


## “THE BITE” - OCCLUSAL EVALUATION

Dentistry has turned into a “one tooth at a time” procedure. At Pine Ridge Dental, we don’t just look at the isolated state of your teeth, but we look at your mouth as a system made up of your jaw, muscles, and teeth. Training at the Dawson Center for Advanced Learning has allowed Dr. Jenny to think about how something so simple as one filling affects the entire “bite”. Sometimes a cracked tooth, sore muscles, or even jaw joint noise happens due to a problem that can’t always be fixed by treating the symptoms alone. There is a cause behind every tooth, jaw joint, and muscle problem. She is trained to solve the cause versus just treat the problem. It is possible to prevent these types of problems with the correct diagnostic tests, examination, and thoughtful planning. Everyone can have a balanced, comfortable, and long lasting bite.

Unlike most dentists, Dr. Jenny practices the Concept of Complete Dentistry. Complete dentistry requires an understanding of every structural part of your chewing system, including your jaw joints, facial and temporal muscles, and teeth. In the long run, this could save you from years of pain, suffering and extensive costs for multiple or repeated dental work. Contrary to what you may think, this does not mean drill and fill every tooth. A screening is a part of every patient exam so that Dr. Jenny can properly diagnose and treat not only the obvious problems, but also those that have not even shown signs yet! Analyzing the 10 structural and functional factors in the chewing system is the basis of an Occlusal Evaluation. This may not be where you start, but it can be a place you achieve.

Did you know that most dental problems are not painful at first, but can be identified by a trained dentist before symptoms or damage can occur? Ask us today if you have any early signs or symptoms and if an Occlusal Evaluation could benefit you.



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