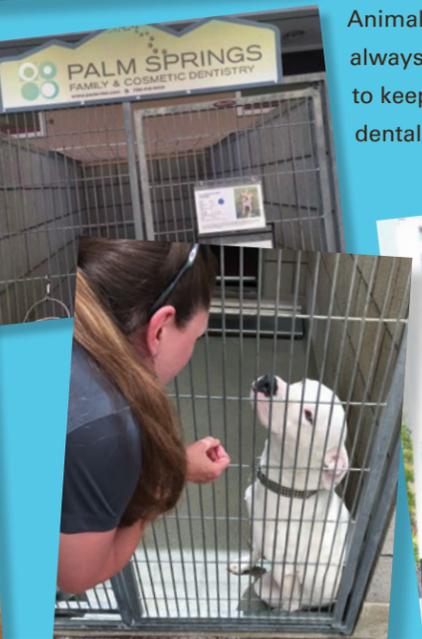


Making our Community Smile Brighter

Volunteering and contributing to various community services is one way that we "give back." CareForce Clinic allows professionals and non-professionals to volunteer time. The

Loma Linda Children's Hospital provides healthcare for needy children in the Indio and surrounding areas to avoid the drive to Loma Linda. Toys for Tots allows less fortunate children to have a special holiday and it was great fun collecting toys, food and other items for the Palm Springs Animal Shelter! In addition, we always enjoy attending seminars to keep the entire team current on dental services.



Meet Dr. Scott Shepherd

Dr. Shepherd began practicing as a dentist in 1994. He started serving dental patients in the Palm Springs area at Palm Springs Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in 2008.

Dr. Shepherd and his team know you have options when it comes to your dental care. We believe our job is to help you understand those options. We are proud to be a part of the Palm Springs community and look forward to partnering with you and delivering the highest quality care.

Dr. Shepherd is a native of Georgetown, SC. He graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 1994. He began his dental career as a commissioned officer in the Navy and Public Health Service with postings in California, Arizona and Alaska. During his service, Dr. Shepherd worked in a variety of clinical dental settings including hospital-based practices, rural health clinics, and remote villages above the Arctic Circle.

Following his service, Dr. Shepherd moved to Vancouver, Washington where he joined a large group dental practice focusing on quality dentistry and high patient satisfaction. As an evidence based practice, Dr. Shepherd was privileged to participate in research and the use and evaluation of new dental technology and techniques.

After eight years in the Pacific NW, Dr. Shepherd sought to fulfill his love of the sun and warm weather. He has enjoyed making Palm Springs his permanent home. Dr. Shepherd remains committed to quality patient care.



Meet Dr. Jeff Tom

Dr. Jeff Tom has practiced in Palm Desert since 1993 and was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and the Graduate of

Prosthodontics Program at USC. As an award-winning prosthodontist, he has more extensive and wide-range expertise in the areas of removable and fixed dental services such as veneers, crowns, partials and dentures. In addition, he brings to the office his experience performing selected root canal treatment, as well as limited oral surgery and implants.

On a personal note, he has been married since 1997 to another dentist (Dr. Sharon Nemecek) and they have 2 children Aja (15 years old) and Logan (12 years old). In his spare time, they enjoy being a tight knit family that does a lot of camping/RVing, boating, skiing, hiking and other outdoor activities.

He is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American College of Prosthodontics, the American Dental Association and its local components, as well as numerous dental study clubs to continue to bring you exceptional dental care.



Our Team

takes pride in providing remarkable service.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS



CARA



STEVE



TRISH



BLANCA



EMILY



PETA

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

DENTAL ASSISTANTS



DIEGO



SANDY



SHANNON



RUBEN



VANESSA

DENTAL ASSISTANTS DIEGO

Diego is the proud father of 2 beautiful children. He is a native of the desert and has been a loyal member of the Palm Springs Family & Cosmetic Dentistry office since 2011. His love for dentistry is clearly seen in his infectious smile.

SANDY

Sandy is a Registered Dental Assistant with Expanded Functions and Extended Duties. She has earned her RDAEF2 certification at Loma Linda University and graduated at the top of her class. She spends her free time at dental events, such as Careforce, Circle of Concern, Flying Doctor's and Loma Linda University to provide dental care to people who need it. Sandy enjoys hiking, camping, reading, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

SHANNON

Shannon graduated from Kaplan as a Registered Dental Assistant in 2008 and brings to the office a fresh attitude and passion for providing oral health care and education. Shannon enjoys outdoor pursuits such as traveling, hiking, Pittsburgh Steelers, and spending time with her Husband Mike of 11 years and their three children Josiah, Celynna, and little Michael. You will appreciate Shannon's gentle demeanor and thorough and efficient manner.

RUBEN

Ruben has been with our team since 2012 after graduating from Milan Institute. When he is not assisting our doctors and helping patients, he leads a youth Group at World Harvest Church in his hometown of Indio. Ruben will be attending Hygiene School in the Fall. As excited as we are for him, his work family will miss him.

VANESSA

Vanessa moved to the Desert in 2016 with her husband, Alfden, and their 1 furbaby. Vanessa is a Registered Dental Assistant since 2003. Spending time getting to know her patients allows her to understand their expectations with the hope of exceeding them during their visit.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS CARA

Cara has been a hygienist since 1998. She graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. Cara has been working with Dr. Shepherd since 2009 and looks forward to many more. She spends her free time with her two teenage boys.

STEVE

Steve came to us in 2015. He has built a reputation as a knowledgeable hygienist with great skill and touch, an upbeat manner, practicing now for nearly 20 years. He and his husband are the fathers of 8 grown children between them. As a result, they have a very busy lifestyle.

TRISH

Trish graduated in 1993 from Coastal Carolina Community College. She has now been a hygienist for 26 years. Originally from Maine, she currently lives in the high desert with her husband Tom and their 2 rescue dogs. Tom's career as a U.S. Marine gave Trish the opportunity to practice dental hygiene all over the U.S. and internationally. She is happy to have found her home at Dr. Shepherd's!

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM BLANCA

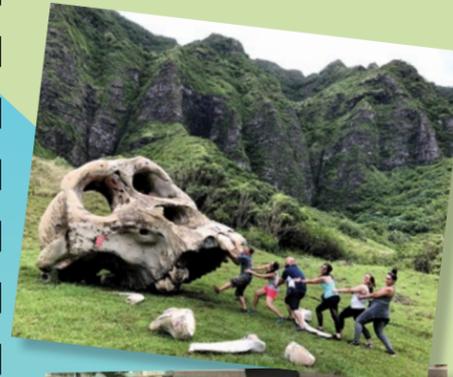
Blanca started in the dental field over 10 years ago. She was born and raised right here in Palm Springs. Married for 8 years, she loves spending time with her husband and being a kid again with their 2 daughters age 6 and 1.

EMILY

Emily has worked in the dental field for over 9 years. She is originally from New Hampshire and loves to go back to visit as often as she can. Emily enjoys hiking, reading and spending time with her husband and two stepchildren.

PETA

Peta has been the friendly face of our Administrative Team since 2006! With a passion of providing exceptional customer service, she takes pride in providing each patient with a positive experience. In her downtime she likes to spend quality time with her family watching football, BBQing, camping and fun in the sun at one of our endless choices of beautiful Southern California Beaches.



August 2019

A huge "thank you" goes out to you, our patient, for your continued support here at Palm Springs Family & Cosmetic Dentistry. It has been over 10 years that I found myself in the Desert and have thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you over the years, as well as providing you with the quality of care that I believe you deserve.

Since my move, many wonderful events have taken place, such as purchasing my own practice and the arrival of our twin boys, Wyatt and Noah. More recently, I expanded the office to allow us to be able to see you in a more timely manner, offer comfortable dental chairs for your relaxation during longer procedures, electric handpieces (opposed to air driven) that are quieter and smoother, digital radiography for your safety (90% less radiation) and intraoral cameras so you can "see what we see" to assist you in making the right decision for your treatment needs. The most recent addition to our technology is the "Trios Scanner" by 3Shape. This scanner allows us to scan your teeth opposed to using goopy impressions so the dental lab can customize your crowns, bridges, implant restorations and partials.

I feel extremely fortunate to now have the opportunity to work with a very talented clinician, Dr. Jeff Tom. You may have been seen by Dr. Tom or see him here in the office Mondays - Wednesdays. He is a highly skilled prosthodontist, here to provide not only general dentistry but also services such as partials, dentures, select implants and surgical procedures.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read about how we "give back" to our community, as well as directly thank you for your continued support. Dr. Tom and I, as well as the entire team, look forward to many more years serving your dental needs in a professional and friendly manner, always keeping in mind the importance of treating you as you deserve to be treated.

Sincerely,

Dr. J Scott Shepherd, Dr. Jeff Tom and Team