

A legacy of Premium Dental Service: Generation II

Strathroy Dental Centre

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Shelly, Dr. Ryan and Dr. Michael Hornyak

More than three decades after opening what has grown to become Strathroy Dental Centre, Doctors Michael Hornyak, Paul Howley and Feonagh Paterson have established a strong legacy for innovative, modern dental treatments in warm, comfortable surroundings.

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Located at 83 Metcalfe Street East, the Strathroy Dental Centre and its roster of four dentists, eight registered dental hygienists, five certified dental assistants and three reception staff have expertise in patient comfort and care, setting the stage for

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innovative, modern, consistent treatments and techniques. Their "patient-focussed," evidence-based service provides patients with all the information they require to understand their procedure and will answer any lingering questions they may have. Strathroy Dental Centre has established a reputation for quality paediatric services and use positive behaviour modification techniques to keep children calm and comfortable during their visit.

The centre's extensive list of services include restorations, dental crowns, veneers, dental implants, periodontal treatment, oral surgery, paediatric dentistry, dentures, oral sedation, TMD therapy and sports guards. Clients find a warm, inviting atmosphere when they enter the door, with a clean, modern lobby and crisp, state-of-the-art dental offices.

Dr. Michael Hornyak is homegrown. Raised on a farm in the Caradoc township, he attended the Strathroy District Collegiate Institute (SDCI) before going to the University of Western Ontario where he graduated with distinction in 1986. He finished his residency over the next year at University, Victoria and St. Joseph's

Hospitals in London, Ont. Here, he advanced his training in surgery, dental implants, pathology and treatment of medically compromised patients.

Dr. Hornyak also helped Strathroy dentist Dr. Fin Temple with his practice on Caradoc Street. One year after graduation, Dr. Hornyak and his wife Shelly – herself, a dental hygienist – purchased the operation from Dr. Temple. The Hornyaks moved to their current, more-modern location about a decade later.

Dr. Hornyak's long-time association with the Schulich School of Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario led to a significant expansion at the Strathroy Dental Centre. Dr. Hornyak met Paul Howley and Feonagh Paterson as an instructor and adjunct faculty member at the school. Howley and Paterson graduated in 2004, with the former joining the Strathroy Dental Centre team immediately. He became a partner in 2009. Dr. Paterson returned to the area in 2007 after moving from Alberta.

Almost 15 years later, Dr. Ryan Hornyak joins the team, a second generation dentist ready to take Strathroy Dental Centre into the next three decades.

The younger Dr. Hornyak's career path mirror's his father's experience. Ryan joined the practice in July after earning a Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree from the University of Western Ontario in 2016 and in 2020, a Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Mich. While studying in Detroit, he spent time providing dental services to residents of Guatemala on a mission trip and was the president of the Canadian Dental Students Association. He also expanded his abilities by serving a general practice residency at University, Victoria and St. Joseph's Hospitals in London.

To top it off, Dr. Ryan Hornyak, also an SDCI graduate, has served as a clinical instructor at the Schulich School of Dentistry – just like his father.

It's been 34 years since Dr. Michael Hornyak established what has become one of the region's most comprehensive dental service centres. Set alongside the extensive knowledge of Drs. Paterson and Howley is Dr. Ryan Hornyak, the second generation of dental practice excellence.

The Strathroy Dental Centre has deep roots in Strathroy. That longevity and commitment can only mean more happy patients with crisp, clean smiles. ■



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