



After working with a partner for eight years, Dr. Dan Perry Jr. established his solo practice, Spring Hill Comprehensive Dentistry, in 2005 to be closer to his patients. Perry is pictured with his team (left to right) Lucia Harris, dental hygienist; Jennifer Speed, clinical assistant; Rachel Bryant, dental hygienist; and Belinda Dean, office coordinator.

The Art and Science Behind A Healthy Smile

Fourteen years ago, **Dr. Dan Perry Jr.** was newly graduated from dental school and seeking out area dentists for their expertise. He admired the practice of **Dr. Henry Coker** and met with him to learn how he could develop a similarly successful practice of his own. As it turns out, Coker was looking to retire, and he invited Perry to step in.

He continued with Coker's partner, Dr. Bud Rogers, until 2005, when he established Spring Hill Comprehensive Dentistry and moved his practice to Old Shell Road.

Spring Hill Comprehensive Dentistry is the Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Month.

Perry and his team of four employees provide routine oral care and specialize in restorative and cosmetic procedures such as tooth-colored fillings, replacing missing teeth, teeth whitening and more.

Quality is remembered long after the cost is forgotten, Perry says, quoting a sign in Coker's waiting room. He and his dentistry team have assembled the latest technology, equipment and sterile techniques to provide the highest care to patients.

Perry invests in continuing education for his staff, and has memberships in American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Dental Association

and The Pankey Institute Alumni Association.

"Dentistry is a mixture of art and science, and sometimes the art takes over," Perry says, an aspect that he enjoys. "I can see the confidence on a patient's face after an operation."

In one case Perry remembers a surgeon referred a young girl who was kicked in the mouth by a horse. Perry used implants to repair her missing teeth.

Looking to the future, he says, "We hope to grow the practice by adding new patients and to promote a lifelong relationship with them."

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