

Word Of Mouth

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I am often asked, "What do all those letters behind your name mean?" That's a great question and one that merits an explanation.

The DDS, denotes *Doctor of Dental Surgery* which is equivalent to DMD and is the degree conferred upon you on graduation from Dental School.

The MAGD, denotes *Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry*. The Master-ship Award is the AGD's highest honor and one of the most respected designations within the profession. To earn this award, you must complete 1,100 hours of dental continuing education. As a Mastership Award recipient, I join more than 2,200 active AGD Masters who have gone above and beyond the basic requirements to care for their patients' oral health. This award requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort, and demonstrates a commitment to continuing education, which allows me to provide the best possible dental care and oral health education to my patients.

The FACD, denotes being a *Fellow of the American College of Dentists*. This is an honorary award bestowed upon those who have

demonstrated a commitment to leadership and service to their communities, profession and the advancement of Dentistry. It is bestowed by invitation only after having met the requirements for the award and being voted in by the Regents of the College.

The FICOI, denotes *Fellowship in the International Congress of Oral Implantologist*. This demonstrates a commitment in the advanced study of placement and restoration of implants. It identifies those individuals who have met the educational and practical requirements of the ICOI for Fellowship status.

These are but a few of the organizations that recognize Doctors' commitment to continuing education and expertise. Most Doctors are very active in bettering themselves through continuing education. This allows us to stay updated on new materials, procedures and techniques. So if you are looking for a new dentist, look for one with all those letters behind his name. It shows he is committed to providing care for his patients at the highest level.

At Comprehensive Dental Care, we are dedicated to providing our patients with the best dental care in a comfortable, caring and professional manner. We pride ourselves on treating each patient as we would want to be treated, with respect, dignity and integrity. If you would like to experience our care give us a call for a free consultation or comprehensive dental exam and cleaning.

Dr. Menendez and the staff at Comprehensive Dental Care would like to wish you and your family a happy Holiday Season. ♦

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