



THE FACES OF DENTAL INNOVATION TILGHMAN ORTHODONTICS

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No two smiles are exactly alike, so Tilghman Orthodontics doesn't follow a one-size-fits-all approach to orthodontics. That's why the practice, led by Drs. Michael Tilghman and Carrie Schwartz, incorporated a 3D printer a year ago. Through their ingenuity, experience and desire to provide great smiles at affordable prices, Tilghman Orthodontics created its very own Smiles Correct aligners.

Like Invisalign and mail-order aligners, Smiles Correct offers an alternative to traditional braces. But, unlike similar products, Smiles Correct affords Drs. Tilghman and Schwartz more options to achieve the results their patients want, all in the comfort of their family-owned practice, with offices in Salisbury and Berlin.

“We do it all right here, in-house,” Dr. Tilghman said, “which allows us to customize every detail of aligner treatment to the individual patient. We can control the size and thickness of the tray — just a couple of things that Invisalign doesn't offer to the orthodontist.

“We do what we feel is appropriate for the patient,” Dr. Tilghman continued, which involves examining all available treatment or appliance options. But since Dr. Tilghman began marketing Smiles Correct treatment across the Eastern Shore, Tilghman Orthodontics has experienced an influx of

people looking for a more reliable, cost-effective alternative, especially for those who are unsatisfied with other treatments.

“The response has been amazing. People are coming in and asking for it,” Dr. Tilghman confirmed, which led to the addition of a second 3D printer and additional scanner. The practice now has three scanners with which to examine patients effectively and efficiently.

Smiles Correct's advanced software allows a patient's teeth to be moved and reset digitally. Those digital images are then transformed into a series of trays right in Tilghman Orthodontics' in-house laboratory. Without the hefty cost incurred with outside laboratories for a similar service, sometimes totaling several thousand dollars, Tilghman Orthodontics can pass these savings directly to their patients.

“We are excited that we can fulfill this need in the community,” Dr. Tilghman said. “Now, by incorporating this technology into our practice, we're able to offer excellent quality and control of the aligner treatment process, and at a lower price, all under the supervision of orthodontic specialists.” ■

Drs. Carrie Schwartz and Michael Tilghman