THE ART OF SMILE

DR. LISA MARIE SAMAHA OF PORT WARWICK DENTAL ARTS PROVIDES EXCELLENCE IN DENTAL CARE AND EXPERTISE

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Where Smiles Become Works of Art f all the branches of medical science, the dental arts are the most humanistic, the one most accessible to us all, and the one that can change a tenuous grin into a breathtaking smile. It is the creation of that smile, that luminescent moment when a patient can face the world knowing that they feel and look their best, that drives Dr. Lisa Marie Samaha at Port Warwick Dental Arts.

"A good-looking, healthy smile," she notes, "is perhaps one of the most poignant outward expressions of a health-conscious, vibrant individual who is attentive to detail and concerned about creating a lasting, positive impression."

Creating a beautiful smile, however, is a process. It starts with healthy gums—and unlike many of her peers who are also general dentists, Dr. Samaha is a recognized expert in both the treatment of periodontal disease and cosmetic dentistry, having maintained long-standing membership in both the American Academy of Periodontology and The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Samaha has spent the majority of her 25 years in practice developing a unique and highly successful protocol of a non-invasive treatment for periodontal (gum) disease. Periodontal infections are insidious and pervasive—it is estimated that up to 85 percent of all Americans suffer from some form of the disorder, and the disease can be as dangerous as it is hidden. More and more medical studies are showing a significant link



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between periodontal disease and other serious conditions of the body, including diabetes, heart attacks, high blood pressure, stroke, dangerous pregnancy outcomes, lung disease, Alzheimers disease, certain cancers and others. Periodontal disease is dangerous to the entire body.

Traditional treatment of periodontal disease usually includes antibiotics and scalpel/suture surgery. Dr. Samaha's approach, however, is much less intrusive and includes the use of certain nutritional supplements targeted to the treatment of periodontal disease. Her program, which is receiving national attention among dentists, includes the use of a painfree, non-invasive soft tissue laser, as well. She summarizes her method as "healing from the insideout" (with nutritional assistance) and healing from the "outside-in"

(with the laser treatments).

"My most rewarding opportunities are to take individual patients full-circle, from a state of tremendous and even debilitating disease to a state of total health, stability and beauty," she says, "to help them create greater confidence and health, and thus, a better life for themselves." Because of her unique style of practice, she is typically able to accomplish this goal in weeks or months instead of years, with the overwhelming majority of all treatment being done by Dr. Samaha herself.

"For us, practicing dentistry could not be more satisfying in every way," she says. "By pursuing our own unique philosophy of care, we are able to provide the level and style of dentistry that is consistent with our personal values and the values of scores of incredible patients."