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## Dr. Karwacki Joins Endodontic Associates

**Dr. David Karwacki** grew up in the Metro Detroit area and completed his undergraduate studies at The University of Detroit Mercy, where he graduated in 2010 from the Honors Program with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.



Dr. Karwacki received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in 2014 and went on to complete a general practice residency at the University of Michigan Hospital in 2015. After graduation, he practiced as a general dentist locally in Michigan until moving to California to pursue specialty training in endodontics at the University of California Los Angeles, which he completed in 2022.

Dr. Karwacki is happy to be back in Michigan and is excited to serve the Greater Detroit area with Endodontic Associates. Dr. Karwacki is currently a member of the American Association of Endodontists and the American Dental Association. Dr. Karwacki is treating patients in the EA Rochester and EA Bloomfield Hills offices.

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 Endodontic Safety Information to share with Patients**

# Endodontic Safety Information to share with Patients

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- 25 million endodontic treatments are performed every year, safely and effectively. If it were true that root canals caused diseases like cancer, there would be much more information about it available in peer-reviewed scientific publications, and root canals would not be the preferred treatment option to save teeth.
- There is no valid, scientific evidence linking root canal-treated teeth and disease elsewhere in the body. Data showing that “97 percent of cancer patients had root canal treatment” has not been published anywhere. There is no causality between root canals and cancer; just because a person has experienced both doesn’t mean a cause-and-effect relationship exists.
- Claims that root canals are not safe are based on research that’s nearly 100 years old and has long been debunked.
- As recently as 2013, a study published in a journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA Otolaryngology—Head & Neck Surgery) found that a patient’s risk of cancer doesn’t change after having a root canal treatment; in fact, patients with multiple endodontic treatments had a 45 percent reduced risk of cancer.
- Advancements in medicine, techniques and technologies have made endodontic treatment a more predictable, successful treatment than ever before. Today, digital imaging, rubber dams, rotary instruments, powerful disinfectants and medicated filling materials help ensure successful root canal treatment.
- When a severe infection in a tooth requires endodontic treatment, that treatment is designed to eliminate bacteria from the infected root canal, prevent reinfection of the tooth and save the natural tooth.
- The only alternative to endodontic treatment is extraction of the tooth. Extraction is a traumatic procedure and is known to cause a significantly higher incidence of bacteria entering the bloodstream.
- You wouldn’t cut off your hand if you broke a finger, so why would you extract your natural tooth if it could be saved? Nothing looks, feels or functions like your natural tooth - it should be saved whenever possible. Root canal treatment, along with appropriate restoration, is usually faster and less expensive than extraction and implant surgery. In most cases, endodontic treatment allows patients to keep their natural teeth for a lifetime.
- Media reports stemming from a study published in the September 10, 2015, issue of Nature claim that the proteins that indicate Alzheimer’s disease may be transmitted from one person to another during medical procedures including root canal treatment. There is no evidence that root canal treatment is a risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease.
- There is nothing definitive in the Nature study. It involved a small sample of eight patients who died from Mad Cow Disease. The brain tissues of seven patients showed signs of the protein associated with Alzheimer’s but they had no symptoms of Alzheimer’s. The study authors speculate that the proteins were transmitted when the patients had injections to treat their Mad Cow Disease.
- While the prion protein has reportedly been transmitted to medical patients through exposure to blood, inadequately sterilized neurosurgical instruments and a variety of cadaver-derived materials, there has never been a confirmed case of CJD transmitted through dental treatment.

- There are procedures in place to minimize infection risk from endodontic instruments such as files and reamers. Many endodontists employ single-use instruments and, if not, instruments are thoroughly sterilized prior to each use.
- The study author said, “It is possible our findings might be relevant to some other medical or surgical procedures, but evaluating what risk, if any, there might be requires much further research. Our current data has no bearing on dental surgery and certainly does not argue that dentistry poses a risk of Alzheimer’s disease.”



Dr. Craig Duhaime and his dental assistant treating a patient in the EA Clarkston office while utilizing the best in PPE and Endodontic technologies.

# WELCOME!



## Endodontic Associates Family is Growing

Endodontic Associates **Dr. Nikeeta Patankar** and her husband Pranav Bhide welcomed their new daughter, Aira Bhide on October 1, 2022. They are over the moon soaking in every bit of her newborn goodness! Aira weighed in at 6.8lbs and measured 20 inches.

Happy Spring!



## TDO Coming Soon

Endodontic Associates is excited to announce the launch of our new practice management system – TDO! The Digital Office (TDO) not only allows our offices to go paperless, it will enhance both the patients' and referring offices' experience while working with EA.

TDO will provide several new levels of faster, more detailed communication for patients and referring offices. We will also be able to offer our referring doctors the option to use the referring doctor portal feature on our website, which will provide easier functions such as referring a patient for follow up care. Most importantly, the addition of TDO will eliminate the “paper shuffle” so much more energy can be spent giving patients the time and care they deserve. With electronic access to patient records it also helps us be an even better resource for afterhours questions and / or phone calls regarding case management and diagnosis.

EA was early to pioneer the integration of digital x-rays into computerized patient charting. We were one of the first Endodontic practices in Michigan to utilize advanced Endodontic tools such as surgical operating microscopes and CBCT scanners. With the addition of TDO, it's just one more example of how we are always striving to enhance the patient experience while making the collaboration between Endodontist and referring Dr. as straight forward and effective as possible. TDO is just another example of how Endodontic Associates strives to be an “Extension of the General Dentists' Practice.”



## QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

“ If you change  
the way  
you look at things,  
the things you look at  
change. ”

–Wayne Dyer

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