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Practice Update

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INVISIBLE BRACES TERRIFIC SMILES!

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Dr. Ban Barbat offers the most comfortable and convenient method to straighten teeth – **Invisalign!** Invisalign uses a clear, medical grade polymer to move teeth. Unlike traditional braces, these clear trays can be removed to eat and clean teeth and are generally undetectable when worn.

Dr. Barbat explains, *"Invisalign is a wonderful option for adults and teens who have completed tooth and jaw development. Older teens are excellent candidates, but the majority of Invisalign patients are adults."* She goes on to

explain that many adults who wore braces as adolescents experience some shifting over the years.

With Invisalign, regaining that straight, balanced smile can occur as quickly as six months.

A patient who recently completed treatment is Elizabeth, a 46-year-old executive. *"I've had some crowding for years but it became more noticeable after I turned forty,"* she states. *"Invisalign was perfect for me since it corrected the problem in about eight months and I never felt inconvenienced or uncomfortable."*

While Elizabeth is more confident with the appearance of her smile, she adds, *"When you factor in the health benefits of straight teeth, this is another way to help me keep my natural teeth all of my life."*

For more on tooth realignment or Invisalign, call for a complimentary screening and consultation with Dr. Barbat. Also, ask about special payment options.



2005

BAN R. BARBAT Scholarship

The
**Ban R. Barbat
Scholarship**

is awarded annually to a student interested in a health related career. Dr. Barbat is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2005 scholarship ...
Utica High School senior Lamia Helou!

Lamia received a \$1,000 scholarship based on her academic accomplishments and future aspirations.

Lamia will be attending Michigan State University to pursue a career in Pediatric Medicine. She became interested in pediatric medicine after participating in a shadowing program for health occupations during her sophomore year at Utica High.

*Congratulations to
Lamia!*

New Patients Welcome

Occasionally we are asked,
*"Are you accepting
new patients?"*

YES! New patients are always welcome. We are flattered that most new patients come to us because of your recommendations.

Thank you for entrusting your smile to us and referring others who desire the standard of care you've come to know!

Zoom2



Is
Whitening's
Latest

For a whiter smile at a special rate, check this out!



Special Offer!

ONLY \$299

(Hurry! Expires 09/30/05)

CALL (586) 739-2155 SOON
to schedule a whitening
OR to arrange a gift certificate
for special someone!

After much research, Dr. Barbat has selected **Zoom2** in-office whitening for her practice. "It's quicker and more efficient without the sensitivity of previous Zoom versions," explains Dr. Barbat. "Zoom2 is a fabulous system that has great results."

Recent issues of Hour Detroit and Women's Health Style featured articles on tooth whitening. In both, Dr. Barbat was asked for recommendations of in-office versions.

When comparing **Zoom2** to other whitening systems, she explains the new process is ...

- **Faster...Whitens Up To 8 Shades In 45 Minutes**
- **Causes Less Sensitivity**
- **An Easier Process For Patients**

Many adults prefer in-office whitening rather than wearing bleaching trays at home over 7 to 10 days. "Because of time constraints, people want to come in and get it done in a brief amount of time," Dr. Barbat says. "During the Zoom2 process, patients can watch a movie. In about 90 minutes, they have a whiter, brighter smile."

To provide optimal results in minimal time, **Zoom2** uses light activation technology, causing a "photo-fenton" reaction of peroxide and iron in the **Zoom2** gel. The peroxide reacts with the iron, producing stain terminators as the light cyclically renews the iron, significantly enhancing whitening results.

Give Your Teeth A Sporting Chance!

Using sports and energy drinks to re-hydrate? Drinking these on a regular basis could be damaging to your teeth. A recent study reported in General Dentistry shows these beverages may cause damage to tooth enamel, resulting in severe tooth decay.

The study revealed that sports drinks were 3 - 11 times more damaging to enamel than colas, with energy drinks, bottled lemonades and canned ice teas

causing the most harm.

While most colas contain acids, sports beverages contain other additives and acids that are even more erosive.

"As with anything, moderation is the best rule of thumb," says Dr. Barbat. "By altering or limiting soda and sports drinks or choosing water instead, your teeth have greater potential to resist decay."

