



Cummins Dental Group Highlights Experienced Team as Family Dentist in Springfield, IL

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Cummins Dental Group has provided general and cosmetic dentistry services to patients of all ages for more than 30 years. Operating as a family dentist in Springfield, IL, the practice has built its approach around the collective expertise of its dental team and a commitment to individualized patient care in the local community and surrounding regions.

Dr. Shannon R. Cummins, D.M.D., a Springfield native, leads the group. He graduated from Griffin High School in 1979, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Benedictine College in 1983, and received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 1987. With more than three decades of experience, Dr. Cummins has treated thousands of patients, including many family members across multiple generations. He maintains involvement in the community as the father of three grown children and through personal activities such as spending time with family and friends, golfing, hunting, and fishing.

The dental team includes Dr. Ethan M. Duewer, D.M.D., and Dr. Vincent M. Israel, D.M.D. Dr. Duewer grew up in Edwardsville, Illinois. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 2017. Dr. Duewer maintains a focus on community service, participates actively in his local church, and has interests in mission work and outdoor activities with family and friends.

Dr. Israel is also a Springfield native. He graduated from Glenwood High School, obtained a bachelor's degree in biology from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, while participating in collegiate football, and received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Israel practiced dentistry for three years in Osage Beach, Missouri, before joining the group in January 2022. He is dedicated to serving the community with compassion and enjoys the outdoors, traveling, and camping with family and friends. He and his family are lifelong members of Christ the King Church.

The practice currently serves between 2,500 and 3,000 active patients who seek care for a range of needs. Patients come from Springfield as well as areas as distant as St. Louis, Missouri. The services offered include teeth cleaning, oral exams, dental implants, fillings, and emergency dental care. These fall under general dentistry and cosmetic dentistry categories to address the requirements of individuals and entire families.

Dr. Shannon R. Cummins commented on the practice's philosophy. "It is important to know our patients as individuals for more friendly and individualized care," said Dr. Shannon R. Cummins, D.M.D., lead dentist at Cummins Dental Group. "The team's experience also allows patients to know us, building trust over time."

This approach has supported continuity in care across patient visits and family members. The dentists share educational foundations from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, which contributes to consistent clinical standards. The varied personal backgrounds of the team members enhance their ability to relate to patients from different circumstances while maintaining local connections to the Springfield area.

Family-oriented dental care requires attention to needs that change over time, from early childhood through adulthood. The practice's longevity enables ongoing monitoring of oral health within families and supports preventive measures alongside necessary treatments. Collaboration among the dentists allows the group to handle routine and more complex cases effectively within the same setting.

The addition of associate dentists with recent training complements the established expertise of the lead dentist. This combination helps the practice adapt to patient needs while preserving the core focus established over more than 30 years. Patients benefit from the stability of the team, which has grown to include professionals with both local roots and broader experiences.

Cummins Dental Group continues to operate with an emphasis on professional service delivery. The dentists utilize their training and experience to address dental health concerns for the patient population they serve. The practice's history reflects steady involvement in the Springfield region and a dedication to meeting the oral health requirements of families.

Cummins Dental Group is a dental practice that provides comprehensive dental care for the whole family. The group focuses on general and cosmetic dentistry and serves patients in Springfield, Illinois, and nearby communities.

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