



# Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence!

October 2012 marked the beginning of our 50th year of providing oral surgical care to our patients in the greater Akron area. It is something that we are very proud of and a story of excellence in surgical care with an emphasis on a positive patient experience.

## How we began

Our story began in 1962 with Dr. Leon Wyant completing his residency in oral surgery at the University of Cincinnati. He had received his dental degree at Ohio State in 1957. Wanting to return to the Akron area, he found a location on Portage Trail to open his office. Starting from scratch is never easy but by providing excellent care and helping local dentists in any way he could, he was able to create a thriving practice and build his reputation.

### Adding a Partner

Dr. Lewis Winston graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 1973 and proceeded to complete a general practice residency in northern Florida. He then traveled to Atlanta where he began a practice in general dentistry. He enjoyed 5 years of life as a Braves fan but really enjoyed the surgical aspect of dentistry and decided to return to northeast Ohio to do a residency in oral surgery. Dr. Winston completed his residency in 1982 at what was then called, Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, now known as MetroHealth Medical Center. When he completed residency, he was looking to open an office in the

Cuyahoga Falls area. Dr. Wyant had grown his practice and after meeting with Lew, they decided to become partners in a new practice, Drs. Wyant and Winston, Inc.

Dr. Winston brought the experience of being a general dentist to the practice along with a special interest in implant dentistry. This continued the growth of the practice and Lew's knowledge of the restorative aspect of implants along with the commitment to make them easy to restore allowed this area to grow as well. Drs. Wyant and Winston were one of the first offices in the area to provide all of the restorative components to the restoring dentist with their implant cases. This made it convenient as the restoring dentist did not have to figure out which parts to order to complete the case.



## Dr. Michael J. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman graduated from Ohio State with a dental degree in 1987. He completed a general practice residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland and continued his education at MetroHealth Medical Center for his residency in oral surgery. He was planning on opening a practice in Westlake, Ohio when he met Dr. Winston at an oral surgery alumni gathering. Dr. Wyant was interested in retiring after 30 years of practice and it was an opportunity for Dr. Hoffman to continue his interest in implants in an established oral surgery setting. He joined the practice in July 1992 and Dr. Wyant retired in September of that year. Dr. Wyant still resides in the Akron area.



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Drs. Winston and Hoffman, Inc. continued to grow in all aspects of oral surgery and especially implant dentistry. They developed a reputation for properly positioned implants that were easy to restore and a commitment to an excellent patient experience.

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## ***New Location in 2007!***

The practice finally outgrew the office space on Portage Trail. Dr. Hoffman undertook the task of designing and building a new office on Graham Road. The concept was to create a surgical office without the



typical surgical office look. Most patients are anxious in a surgery office so it was designed to allow patient flow but to also be comfortable as if you were at home. The office opened in January of 2007 and brought new technology to the practice.

## ***Dr. W. Stephen Barnes***

Dr. Barnes was a 2004 graduate of Case Western Reserve University and completed his residency in 2008 from MetroHealth Medical Center and The Cleveland Clinic. Several months after Dr. Barnes joined the practice in July 2008, Dr. Winston retired and relocated to Denver, Colorado to be able to spend time with his growing grandchildren. Together, Drs. Hoffman and Barnes renamed the practice Falls Oral Surgery to better reflect the location. They have improved the patient experience by constantly evaluating new materials and technology. Bone grafting has become much easier with bone substitute materials and healing has become more predictable with the use of a patient's own growth factors obtained from blood drawn prior to the surgery start. Techniques incorporated in anesthesia have made it more comfortable and safer for patients as well.



***We look forward to being around for a long time and continuing the tradition of excellence. As always, we welcome your suggestions and look forward to working with all of you for many years to come.***