

How to Find the Best Dentist



When researching the best dentist for you and your family, identify your specific needs. Consider whether it's just for yourself or others in your family. To help narrow your selection process, check out the following tips on finding the perfect dentist. People also have different personal dental needs, personalities, and expectations, so one particular dentist may not be ideal for everyone.

TIPS

- *Ask your physician or pharmacist. They may have professional connections and recommendations for dentists in your area.*
- *Ask family & friends for recommendations. Sifting through possible dentists based on online reviews and word of mouth is a great way to narrow your search, leaving you to check out the handful of offices with the most potential.*
- *Check on community forums. Post an inquiry on a community-based platform like Nextdoor, but know what constitutes real praise versus someone venting. Check with your local chamber or a trusted Facebook group for suggestions.*
- *Conduct an Internet search. An online query search for highly recommended dentists in your area can surface highly respected dentists. Check who makes it easy to see their board certification and professional associations and if they make patient resources available.*
- *Check for patient reviews. Read online reviews from real patients to get a sense of a dentist before you make an appointment. Look for reviews on trusted platforms and from people in your area. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry recommends Health Grades as a good resource.*
- *Request an "initial meeting."*
- *Keep "Value" in mind versus the lowest-fee dentist. Ask if/how the dentist discloses potential costs. A good dentist knows you'll want a realistic summary of possible final costs for elective procedures. Excellent dentists focus on the long-term benefits of your dental investments.*

Remember, finding the right dentist is an investment in your health. Take your time, ask questions, and choose a dentist who makes you feel comfortable and confident in their care. If you have any other questions about how to evaluate a good dentist, let us know.

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