

UPDATE ON THE DAWSON CENTER(NOW CALLED THE DAWSON ACADEMY)

Dr. Pyke completed the third and final course of the Dawson core curriculum in April 2008. She has also completed several hands-on courses at the facility in St. Petersburg, Florida. In addition, she is a member of the Dawson based Atlantic Complete Dentistry Study Club, which started up in September 2009 and meets regularly in Halifax to discuss interesting case studies and provide ongoing continuing education opportunities for both Dr. Pyke and her team.

The concept of Complete Dentistry taught at the Dawson Academy emphasizes a comprehensive, individualized approach to a patient's dental care, beginning with prevention and early intervention. At your exam, Dr. Pyke analyzes 10 key structural and functional factors of your jaw joints, facial and temporal muscles, teeth, and gums. This unique approach helps her identify causes of problems, rather than simply treating the solutions.

For example, you may have a chipped tooth you would like repaired. The Dawson Academy's philosophy teaches dentists to not only repair the tooth but also to determine the underlying cause(s) that led to the chipped tooth in the first place. This comprehensive approach to the treatment of dental problems results in long term stability, optimal oral health and beauty—that lasts.

From your very first appointment, you'll notice an immediate difference in the dedicated care you receive. That's because as a graduate of the Dawson Academy—a place where dentists learn to be better dentists—Dr. Pyke is one of only 10% of dentists in the country who practice the concept of Complete Dentistry. Through proper diagnosis and treatment planning, you will be able to receive treatments in a more conservative manner, which will allow you to keep as much of your natural tooth structure as possible and help you maintain a healthy, beautiful smile for a lifetime.