

Best Dentists

We polled area dentists and asked: Who would you trust with your own family's teeth? Here are their choices for Washington's top general dentists, periodontists, orthodontists, and more.

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How did we put together this list of the area's top dentists? The way you might find a dentist: word of mouth. But we asked a lot of people—and we turned to experts.

We mailed surveys to 2,400 dentists in DC, Maryland, and Virginia and asked them to name the general dentists and specialists to whom they would send a member of their own family. We received 700 completed surveys.

The dentists who received the most recommendations from their peers are listed here. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are the top vote getters in each specialty.

Just because a dentist is not listed does not mean he or she is not good. How do good dentists get left off?

Dentists know one another through referral networks—a pediatric dentist may refer to a handful of orthodontists, and vice versa. Sometimes a dentist is too new to have established a referral network, is practicing in an out-of-the-way location, or does not refer often, meaning other dentists are not familiar with his or her work. Dentists also make referrals to colleagues they like, people with whom they may play golf. Dentists who are not active in local dental circles are less well known.

To counter this, we did our own research, asking experts about good but overlooked dentists who are not part of the established network.

Although dentists on this list come highly recommended, that's no guarantee someone will be right for you. Dentists can judge a colleague's skill but, unless they get feedback from patients, do not always know if the dentist

has a good chairside manner, if the office staff is pleasant and efficient, and if prices are reasonable.

It's best to use this list as one tool. You might also ask friends, neighbors, and coworkers for names of dentists they like.

Good General Dentists

Jeffrey Almo, Northwest DC; 202-362-5596
Robert Argentieri, Springfield; 703-569-6644
David Bertman, Burke; 703-425-6100
***Michael M. Blicher**, downtown DC; 202-638-5400

Sharon Brown, Spring Valley;
Cheryl Callahan, Rockville; 301-488-8300
Paul Callahan, Sterling; 703-311-1111
Emilio Canal, Reston; 703-311-1111
Bernard T. Carr, Alexandria; 703-311-1111
Daniel Cassidy, Alexandria; 703-311-1111
Joseph A. Catanzano III, Foxglove; 244-1601

John A. Chick, Chevy Chase;
Michael Clayman, Chevy Chase; 202-462-1201

***Andrew C. Cobb**, Friendship Heights; 686-9100

Peter K. Cocolis Jr., Springfield; 703-569-6644

Neil H. Cohen, Chevy Chase; 301-488-8300

***Paul Cohen**, downtown DC; 202-638-5400

Sara Cohen, downtown DC; 202-638-5400

Robert O. Conley, Kensington; 202-833-1111

Margaret Culotta-Norton, do; 202-833-1111

Daniel J. Deutsch, downtown DC; 6630

***Robert H. DeWitt**, Tysons Corridor; 5707

Marc D. Doctors, downtown DC; 0029

Robert G. Donahue, Friendship Heights; 966-4050

Richard Donohue, Fairfax; 703-311-1111

Douglas Dreyer, Silver Spring; 301-488-8300

***John W. Drumm**, Foxhall Square; 1601. Also a top vote getter for cosmetic work.

James S. Dryden Jr., Falls Church; 7586

Ali R. Fasshi, downtown DC; 202-638-5400

Barry N. Feldman, Wheaton; 301-946-7447

Charles Ferrara, McLean; 703-356-2020

Philip S. Ferris, McLean; 703-356-1800

Stanley B. Foxman, North Bethesda; 301-770-5353

Danine Fresch-Gray, Clarendon; 703-525-5901

***Eugene C. Gadaire**, West End; 202-331-1554. Also a top vote getter for cosmetic work.

***Eugene T. Giannini**, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111

Lawrence Goldbaum, Rockville; 301-770-1555

***Brian Gray**, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111. Also a top vote getter for cosmetic work.

Vincent E. Greco, Friendship Heights; 301-488-8300

Kim Kitchen, Alexandria; 703-836-7000

John D. Kling II, Alexandria; 703-299-8444

Henry J. Konigsberg, Southwest DC; 202-488-8300

Stacia Krantz, Rockville; 301-610-9909

John L. Krumpotich, Frederick; 301-663-5552

Sousan H. Kunaish, Falls Church; 703-532-7212

Gregory Lakas, Arlington; 703-522-8894

Nadina Lambert, Tenleytown; 202-244-4111

Paul LaRose, downtown DC; 202-347-1220

Barry Laurent, Vienna; 703-893-1603

David O. Le, Ashburn; 703-723-1400

Carl Lebo, Arlington; 703-525-0233

Chong Lee, Arlington; 703-841-0016. A top vote getter for cosmetic work only.

H. Thomas Lenz Jr., Vienna; 703-938-6669

Samuel H. Lievano, downtown DC; 202-728-0896

John F. Lippert, College Park; 301-779-2525

Maureen Locke, McLean; 703-356-1800

Eddie S. Longman, Alexandria; 703-549-1331

Melanie R. Love, Falls Church; 703-241-2911

***Phillip M. Maiese**, Foggy Bottom; 202-466-4530

John Martin, Tenleytown; 202-966-1900

Stanley O. Mayer, Bethesda; 301-654-4848

Katherine McGrath, Fairfax; 703-978-6556

Scott D. McKinney, McLean; 703-356-3035

Charles A. Nardiello, Fairfax; 703-591-5637

Kirk Norbo, Purcellville; 540-338-7325

Arthur J. Novick, Reston; 703-437-8811; Ashburn; 703-858-0000

Bradley J. Olson, Waldorf; 301-843-6621

William Ossakow, Centreville; 703-830-3092

George Papastergiou, Vienna; 703-938-7174

John Parker, Leesburg; 703-777-6453

Judith A. Penski, Tenleytown; 202-244-6650

Larry J. Peterson, downtown DC; 202-785-0555

Dean J. Phass, Falls Church; 703-824-0055

Sophia C. Phass, Falls Church; 703-824-0055

Steven Phillips, Spring Valley; 202-244-5900

Jay Plesset, Gaithersburg; 301-977-9370

Michael Pollowitz, Spring Valley; 202-244-4477

Kurt C. Hoff, McLean; 703-356-3035

Ronald A. Rosenberg, Rockville; 301-770-1555

Stephen F. Rosenblum, Springfield; 703-971-3100

Lawrence D. Rosenman, Springfield; 703-256-8554; Lorton; 703-541-3110

Stuart Ross, downtown DC; 202-223-6300

Richard P. Rubino, Sterling; 703-450-1408

Barry Rudolph, Vienna; 703-281-7104

Kevin A. Ryan, Springfield; 703-354-8811. A top vote getter for cosmetic work.

Steven Schlafstein, Bethesda; 301-530-1133

Adam Schneider, Gaithersburg; 301-948-3111

Ryan Schwendiman, Great Falls; 703-757-0833

Craig Scimeca, Oakton; 703-281-6201

Salvatore Selvaggio, Northwest DC; 202-362-5596

Joel W. Sendroff, Chevy Chase; 202-244-4149

Stan Shulman, Northwest DC; 202-966-3100

***David P. Sibley**, Fairfax; 703-715-9227

Jeffrey Sisel, South Arlington; 703-931-5333

Kevin M. Skinner, Centreville; 703-830-3092

Christopher Spagna, Falls Church; 703-532-7212

Jeffrey B. Stallsmith, Capitol Hill; 202-543-2020

John G. Stephenson, Annandale; 703-256-4500

Michael S. Stern, Rockville; 301-610-9909

David W. Urban, Falls Church; 703-532-1712

Rena T. Vakay, Alexandria; 703-256-7700. Also a top vote getter for cosmetic work.

Charles A. Varipapa, Alexandria; 703-299-9899. Also a top vote getter for cosmetic work.

Eric C. Vasey, Woodbridge; 703-670-5376

Roger F. Vorcheimer, Burke; 703-455-5466

Gary J. Weiss, Fairfax; 703-278-8866

Richard M. Whittington, Vienna; 703-938-8333

Paul N. Zimmet, Alexandria; 703-931-4544

Mary Ziomek, Rockville; 301-984-9646

Endodontists

Endodontists specialize in root canals.

***Edward Besner**, Reston; 703-437-6666;

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