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FAMILY PRACTICE

215 SOUTH RESIDENTS PICK THEIR FAVORITE DENTISTS

#1 Orthodontist in the Community

Chenin has straightened Las Vegas teeth since 1978

There are gold ones, plastic ones and clear ones you can't see at all. Braces are still painful, only not as much as, say, 15 years ago and can better withstand the abuse of a 12-year-old. And orthodontist Stephen Chenin has seen it all. He has straightened the teeth of many a Las Vegas teenager since he opened his practice in 1978.

"The day braces come off we'll have a celebration. It's a big day, kind of neat," says Chenin, voted the No. 3 dentist by readers of 215 South Magazine. "Over that period of a year and a half or two, you've changed that person... it gives them self confidence. You've given them something to strike out on."

Chenin is in the middle of three generations of Las Vegas dentists. His father, Joseph Chenin, a former Air Force dentist, opened his practice in 1951. Son David Chenin is a general dentist who went back to school to earn his orthodontics specialty while second son Douglas Chenin recently finished dental school.

Stephen Chenin has five children, ages 9 to 29, and lives in Anthem with his family.

"When (David) and I talk, it is two licensed dentists talking," says Chenin, who treats patients from age 8 to adulthood. "There are not many triple generations (in dentistry). You kind of grow up in the house and that's a profession that's talked about. You're already familiar with it."

The Las Vegas native attended the University of California, Los Angeles for dental school and completed two years of specialty school at the University of Southern California. He stays current on the latest and greatest orthodontics has to offer through additional classes and research.

"I've got to keep one step ahead of the boys," Chenin jokes. "The braces themselves are different even though they don't look any different. The technology on the brace itself has really advanced."

Chenin says he believes there are just as many generations treated by the Chenins as there are dentists in his family.

"We've got kids of our patients. When Dave comes in practice, he'll see the grandkids of the kids we saw," Chenin says. "You see old friends and say 'I knew you when you were 14.'"

— TIFFANNIE BOND



OUR 50 FAVORITE DENTISTS

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