

# LAKE DISTRICT FAMILY DENTISTRY

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## **The Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Best Interior Design Business Award LAKE DISTRICT FAMILY DENTISTRY**

Nobody likes going to see the dentist... Unless, of course, he or she is a patient of Lake District Family Dentistry! The 6000+ square foot building was completely designed, from the outside to inside, top to bottom and front to back and every detail in between with the theme of "WELCOME" in mind. The typical clinical building standards, like fluorescent lights, PVC tiles, and rubber baseboards, were quickly dismissed from the architectural design because the owners felt that if they would not put those things in their own homes, then they did not belong in their office.

The four owners unanimously decided that the ambiance of the practice should feel like a home, with all its comforting and inviting qualities. The project not only exceeded the intent to provide patients with the dental home that they deserve, it actually changed the pre-existing undesirable feeling that many had towards dental visits. The patients of Lake District Family Dentistry feel like guests when they enter the waiting area, with a natural and warm color scheme, porcelain tiled foyer, earth tone carpet, eight inch wooden base boards, 12' high ceilings, and cork pendant lighting. The front concierge desk is rounded which creates the feeling of openness (unlike most offices' which are enclosed behind a sliding glass window), the sterilization room has no doors so that all patients walking through the halls can see the cleanliness and organization of the area housing the supplies and instruments, and all treatment suites have bamboo planked flooring and acoustic sound absorbing ceiling tiles. The building showcases the in-house dental laboratory to passing patients through a glass door and all of the building's architectural lines are clean which gives a hygienic feel to the interior.

Each of the thirteen treatment rooms are wired with a modern sound system so patients can enjoy the music of choice, or they can choose to enjoy watching the flat screen television mounted to the wall. The patients have a sense of privacy in the extra large treatment rooms but do not feel closed in by doors. The Lake District Family Dentistry building was also designed so that all patient suites would be located around the perimeter of the building so that each would have its own 8' tall window to allow for natural light adding to the feeling of openness. The flow of the building was also well thought out with multiple 5' wide hallways to allow for easy movement throughout the building without congestion. The full team kitchen, four private doctor offices, four bathrooms, all walking areas, sterilization room and dental laboratory are powered with an efficient and automatic motion and time controlled lighting system for energy conservation while 15 hand washing stations feature touch-less faucets for hygienic purposes. The grand reception area, glassed in consult room, treatment rooms and halls are accented with granite countertops and canvas wrapped photography taken by one of the Dentists and award winning photographer, Dr. Wilton Guillory.

The practice's exceptional design was featured in a national dental magazine noting the functional floor plan as well as the patient-friendly interior execution as one of the best in the country. Patients not only compliment the looks and design of the office, but mostly make comments on how good they feel when they are there. Many have even asked for the names of the paint colors, brand of wall sconces, bathroom mirrors, leather furniture, etc so that they can duplicate the ambiance in their own houses. The owners of Lake District Family Dentistry are proud to go to work every day and enjoy their home away from home... where patients are guests and actually like going to see the dentist!

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