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Doctor Denise Harburg-Johnson: At home in Franklin Lakes

Denise Harburg-Johnson, DMD – affectionately known to her patients as "Dr. J" – has maintained her general dentistry practice in Franklin Lakes since June of 1990.

Originally from New York, Dr. J graduated from the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1985. While at Columbia, she interned at both Hackensack Hospital and Englewood Hospital. After graduation, she completed a one-year general practice residency at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn in 1986. She then practiced in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

"I knew I wanted to relocate to New Jersey, and first moved to Monmouth County," Dr. J. says. However, when a small family practice became available in Franklin Lakes, Dr. J. knew she had found the right fit. "I fell in love with the practice here," she adds.

The previous doctor had passed away, but his wife, a dental hygienist who had been working for her husband, stayed on with Dr. J for the next eight years – and the women still remain close friends.

Dr. J has resided in Franklin Lakes since 1993. She is married to her childhood sweetheart, and they have a daughter who is currently a student at the University of New Haven. The dentist is a member of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Association, the Bergen



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County Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Her general dentistry practice emphasizes prevention, oral health, and aesthetics. The doctor provides tooth-colored bonded restorations, crowns, porcelain laminates, root canal therapies, implant restorations, oral cancer screenings, non-surgical periodontal treatments, and minimally invasive bonding. She also offers several different whitening techniques to help maintain patients' aesthetic smile appeal.

The doctor and her staff continually participate in continuing education courses. Dr. J has many long-term staff members, including her office manager, who has been working for the practice since 1991.

This office prides itself on a high standard of infection control. In addition to manual sterilization methods, Dr. J participates in online monitoring of the practice's sterilization processes. The data is transmitted directly to a company that provides immediate feedback if any issue is detected.

"We stay ahead of the curve," Dr. J

Her practice also provides digital radiographs, which provide accurate, immediate pictures that can be stored digitally, and deliver a lower dose of radiation to patients than traditional X-rays. She also uses laser cavity detectors.

The doctor accepts major credit cards and Care Credit. She participates with Delta Dental and works with other major insurance carriers to help patients maximize their benefits.

Dr. J is based in the professional building at 851 Franklin Lake Road, Suite 104 in Franklin Lakes. The building is nestled between Market Basket and the firehouse. Hours are 8-5 Monday, 8-8 Tuesday and Thursday, and 8-2 Friday. Call (201) 891-5888 for more information.