

Meet Our Dentists

This month we would like to introduce you to our staff dentists. Our DDS clinical team of four full-time and one part-time dentist is lead by our dental director, Dr. Patrice Coons. Each dentist heads up a team of dental chairside and site assistants in one of the most unique and challenging of practice settings - mobile dentistry. While our dentists bring their own special talents to the program, the group can be characterized as having a strong commitment to professional and personal responsibility and community service. Their dental knowledge and skills continue to be the backbone of our school-based and community outreach program.

Ensy Atarod, DDS – *Received her undergraduate degree from UT Austin and graduated in 2005 from Creighton Dental School in Omaha, Nebraska. Moved back to Austin (Hook-em Horns!) and has been with St. David's since April, 2007. "I have enjoyed working with a variety of elementary schools throughout Austin and the surrounding regions."*

Caesar Collazo, DDS - *Graduated from UTHSCSA Dental School in 1999. "I have been employed with St. David's for approximately three years total. I love my job – it is very rewarding. This is a win-win situation for me, my patients, and the community."*

Kara Diemer, DDS - *Graduated from Texas A&M in the proud fighting Aggie class of 2001! Graduated from UTHSCSA Dental School in 2005. "I moved to Austin and began working with St. David's in January 2007. I enjoy working with a diverse population and helping to improve access to care."*

Shailee Gupta, DDS - *Received UT Austin undergraduate degree. Graduated from UTDB in 2002 and has been employed with St. David's about 14 months. "I have always loved working with kids so I really enjoy St. David's Dental Program."*

Sweta Taylor, DDS - *Graduated from the University of Alberta, Canada in 2002. "I have been working with this project since 2006. I have enjoyed my time with St. David's because the patients are a pleasure to work with, and very appreciative of the services provided."*



Caesar Collazo



Kara Diemer



Ensy Atarod

If you want to be a part of our community dental program, you can

- volunteer your dental services *in your office setting* by seeing a patient needing treatment beyond the scope of services available on the vans
- sign-up to volunteer *on the van*, along with your dental assistant
- consider a financial donation or partner with St. David's by providing us with your patient list. We will send letters talking about your participation with the program and solicit donations to help offset our cost for supplies

Please call Deborah Durham @ 879-6227. **Your help is greatly appreciated.**

