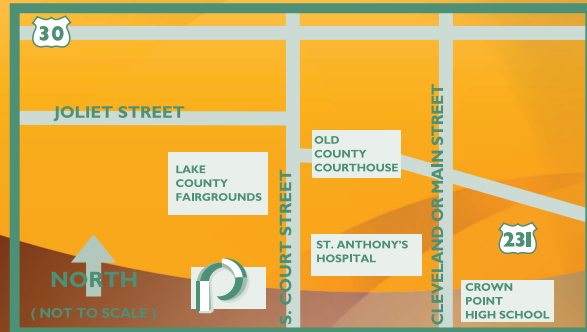
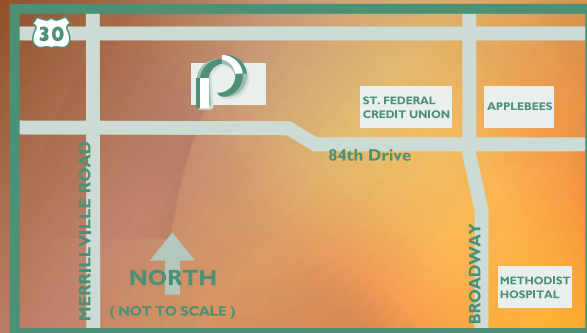


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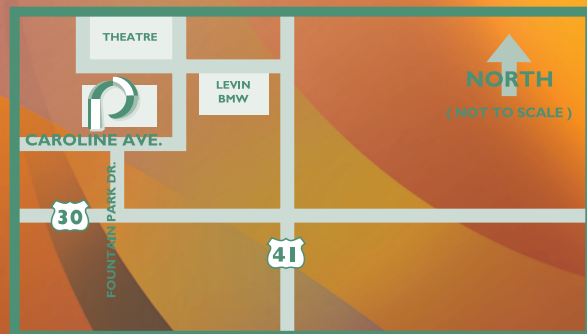
Our goal is to provide the finest orthodontic care with the most comfort and convenience to our patients and parents. Our professional, friendly staff has many years of combined orthodontic experience. Each has received special training in orthodontics and participates in continuing education courses to maintain the highest quality of orthodontic care. Our staff members work as a team to ensure your orthodontic experience will be enjoyable and rewarding. All members are dedicated to giving each patient a beautiful healthy smile.



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WELCOME

Thank you for choosing our practice for your family's orthodontic needs. We look forward to a long relationship with you and your family as we work to create a beautiful smile for you or your child. Our team is committed to using the most advanced techniques to provide you with excellent personalized care. Any questions you may have are encouraged, as we want you to feel comfortable through all phases of treatment.

We offer three office locations (Crown Point, Merrillville and Schererville) and a variety of office hours for your convenience.



ABOUT YOUR smile

Your smile is what people see first and remember the most. If your smile or your child's smile could be improved, orthodontics may be the answer.

A great smile is a healthy smile. Orthodontics is a special kind of dentistry that involves the diagnosis and treatment of dental irregularities, creating beautiful smiles and healthy bites. A person's self-esteem often improves as orthodontic treatment brings the lips and face into harmony. Teeth in correct alignment are easier to clean and more resistant to decay and gum disease in the future.

Today's braces are more comfortable and less noticeable. Depending on your type of problem, we can offer several treatment options, including silver and clear braces, Invisalign® and Suresmile®.



INITIAL VISIT

Our goal at your first visit is to discover whether orthodontic treatment can be of benefit to you. Digital photographs and radiographs will be obtained in order to aid in the diagnosis and planning of your treatment needs. After a comprehensive orthodontic examination, one of our doctors will discuss treatment needs, make recommendations and answer all of your questions. Our purpose is to educate and inform our patients and their families about orthodontic treatment. We strive to give you as much information as necessary at your first visit, utilizing your time wisely.

THE RIGHT AGE for orthodontics

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that children first see an orthodontist as early as age seven, and even earlier if a parent or the dentist discovers a problem. This does not mean every child is ready to begin formal treatment at this time. Our doctors start early treatment only if there is something that can be done to make future treatment more manageable. Early diagnosis and treatment by a specialist can help guide facial growth, which can often prevent more serious problems from developing. The timing of orthodontic treatment is extremely important and greatly affects the treatment result. Since no two patients are alike, there is no specific age that is best to begin treatment.

While people tend to associate orthodontics with children, more than 25 percent of orthodontic patients are adults. The less noticeable braces that are now available have contributed to an increase in the popularity of orthodontic treatment. Also, new techniques and materials allow for extended intervals between appointments to make treatment more convenient than ever. Both children and adults can fully appreciate the return on an orthodontic investment - a great smile, improved self-confidence and better dental health for a lifetime. Whatever the age of the patient, our goal is to provide the best and most stable results possible, while minimizing treatment time in braces.



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APPOINTMENTS and scheduling

We realize the importance of your time, and will work with you to schedule appointments around your work or school schedule as much as possible. In order to maximize the number of appointments that are available before and after school, we schedule shorter appointments early in the morning and after school. Longer appointments are made during school hours. We ask that our patients "share" before and after school appointments. For example, if your last appointment was after school, you can help others by scheduling your next appointment during an off-hour or lunchtime. We strive to achieve the very best of care for each of our patients, with the least amount of interruption to all of our busy lives. As you plan your appointments with us, your understanding and respect for others is very much appreciated.

PAYMENT PLANS

Orthodontic treatment is an excellent investment in the overall dental, medical and psychological well-being of children and adults. Financial considerations should not be an obstacle in obtaining this important health service. We realize that families and individuals have different needs in fulfilling their financial obligations. To keep the cost of treatment within a range that is affordable for most families, we offer a variety of flexible payment options.

We also accept most major credit cards and assignment of insurance benefits. Our staff is happy to work with you to maximize your available insurance benefits.

ABOUT YOUR doctors



Dr. Puntillo is a Northwest Indiana native and a second generation dentist. He is married to Mary Carol and they have three children Caroline, Charlie and Elizabeth.

Affiliations

- Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics
- Member of American Association of Orthodontists
- Indiana Association of Orthodontists (Past President)

- Member of the American Dental Association
- Northwest Indiana Dental Society (Past President)
- Member of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists
- Director of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists
- Volunteer Part-time Faculty Indiana University School of Dentistry Department of Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics

Education

- Bachelor of Science, University of Notre Dame, 1988
- Doctor of Dental Surgery, Indiana University, 1991
- Master of Science in Dentistry, Indiana University, 1993
- American Board of Orthodontics certified, 2002



Dr. Crane joined the Puntillo Orthodontics team in July of 2008. He looks forward to continuing the tradition of excellent care and service that our patients have come to expect.

Affiliations

- Member of the American Association of Orthodontists
- Member of the American Dental Association

- Member of the Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Association

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, University of Notre Dame, 2002
- Doctor of Dental Surgery with High Distinction, Indiana University, 2006
- Master of Science in Dentistry, Indiana University, 2008
- Orthodontic Specialty Certificate, Indiana University, 2008

Personal

- Married to Kristen since 2006
- Daughter Lilly Marie Crane born August, 2008
- Twin daughters Ruby and Lexy born in May, 2010
- Graduate of Lowell High School
- Enjoys traveling, sports, and spending time with family