



## Nelson Oral Surgery

DENTAL IMPLANT SPECIALISTS

Light, airy, calming, relaxed... these probably aren't words you'd associate with a dental practice. But this is no ordinary practice.

At Nelson Oral Surgery the difference is immediately clear. It's a family atmosphere – the team are more than friendly... they're genuinely involved. The rooms are comfortable and orderly. And Bruce, the practice's cat, welcomes newcomers with his thunderous purr.

The interior of the practice has been custom built, providing an elegant, reassuring setting that is replete with state-of-the-art equipment throughout. With this, they can give the best service available in surroundings that help abate any tension that patients might be feeling. Add to this the fact that support people are not just allowed but positively encouraged, and you have a practice where you're being more than just treated; you're being cared for.

Nelson Oral Surgery is led by husband-and-wife team Jo Young and Iain Wilson. Iain is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, while Jo is a dental surgeon and the practice manager. They're backed up by the very friendly Rachel and Cathy, who are both experienced oral



surgery assistants. They all spend time in surgery and working in the front office, enjoying being able to interact with patients in different ways.

The philosophy is simple. "We're a low-volume, high-quality practice," says Iain. "We take obsessive care to produce the best results for people."

Nelson Oral Surgery performs oral and maxillofacial surgery. This covers wisdom teeth removal, dental extractions and dental implants; fixing facial fractures or diagnosing pain around the jaws and head.

Patients are often referred by their regular dentist but are also welcome to contact the surgery directly. The team at Nelson Oral Surgery offer a complete dental implant service, but are happy to work in conjunction with a patient's regular dentist as well.

The surgery is not just a job for Jo and Iain; it's a passion. "I enjoy doing the best we can for patients," says Iain. "With implant surgery, restoring someone's smile – and their ability to speak and chew confidently – is immensely satisfying." Having had personal experience in the area, they are also proud to be able to help patients who have lost teeth through assault or motor accidents. "It's like unravelling some of the effects of the assault or accident," Iain says. "They're among the happiest patients we have, which is why we enjoy doing it so much."

As well as being a dentist, Iain is a qualified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and medical doctor. He's thrilled to be where he is today, but it hasn't come without some very hard work. It

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takes five years' study to become a dentist. Iain's degrees and fellowships, by comparison, took 14 years of study.

It's widely acknowledged that having someone with these skills and experience is a real asset to the region. Iain is immediately available; meaning that patients requiring urgent care don't have to go on waiting lists or fly to Wellington or Christchurch for treatment. Local access also means that patients can go home after procedures, sparing them potentially expensive hospital stays.

And being in Nelson – with its proximity to all the spectacular beaches, lakes and mountains – works perfectly for Jo and Iain as well.

"Jo and I are doing exactly what we want," says Iain. "We're in rooms that we've designed and love, in the town that we love and in the country we love. So we feel very privileged... very lucky."