Advancements in oral care mean heightened patient comfort and a beautiful smile that shines for a lifetime. The Gulf Coast is home to some of the nation’s best-in-class dental practices and oral surgeons that are on the cutting-edge of new technologies and treatments that are revolutionizing the way patients think about and receive oral care. Here, you can get to know the top dentists and periodontists in our community.
BAYVIEW DENTAL ASSOCIATES: ALLISON KONICK, DMD

DR. ALLISON KONICK is a compassionate dentist who takes pride in helping others through dentistry and will provide you with the highest level of care at BayView Dental Associates. She grew up in the small town of Metuchen, NJ and attended Villanova University in Pennsylvania where she earned dual degrees in biology and Hispanic studies. After earning her DMD at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, she has been practicing as a dentist in the Sarasota-Bradenton area for the past five years. Her goal is to offer a “small town” feeling in her practice.

Leading the BayView Dental Associates Bee Ridge office, Dr. Konick believes in comprehensive dentistry and personalized care tailored to each patient’s unique needs and goals. She is certified in Invisalign and her practice focuses on restoring a patient’s smile, combining optimal oral health, functionality and aesthetics. Dr. Konick and her team use the latest technologies, including digital radiography and intraoral digital imaging to include her patients in their treatment planning.

Dr. Konick is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida Dental Association, West Coast Florida Dental Association and the Sarasota County Dental Association. Dr. Konick looks forward to meeting you at your next visit and is committed to working with you and your family to achieve and maintain excellent oral health. Call Dr. Konick today at (941) 953-4288.

Bayview Dental Associates offers seven locations from St. Petersburg to Venice that provide the best in general family dentistry, dental hygiene services and cosmetic and restorative dentistry that are both beautiful and functional. From cleanings to full smile makeovers, their doctors are experts in the latest digital technology and will keep your teeth and gums healthy and your smile radiant. Celebrating 28 years of dentistry, Dr. Kenneth Liszewski leads an expanded practice that offers private-practice quality care to our patients. Call us today at 855-Teeth-4-U.
JOHN RUSSO DDS, MHS

DR. JOHN RUSSO is more than just a dentist—he is an innovator at the cutting-edge of periodontal technology. The first periodontist in the country to have the X-Guide Dynamic 3D Navigation system, Dr. Russo has been nationally recognized for his expertise in dental implants. This new implant placement technology will allow Dr. Russo to deliver a more functional and aesthetically pleasing outcome for dental implant surgeries, along with making same-day guided surgeries a reality for his patients. Not convinced? A study recently published in the *Journal of Oral Implantology* said the X-Guide system is 11 times more accurate than freehand implant placement.

With over 25 years in the local dentistry field, Dr. Russo knows how important minimally invasive and quick-healing surgeries can be. Therefore, the X-Guide system proves to be a game changer for his patients. Acting like a GPS for the surgeon’s hand, the navigation system leads to increased accuracy and precision, in turn giving the patients a better overall look and feel, with minimal pain and less need for frequent appointments. “We have the latest technology out there,” says Dr. Russo. “I’m as involved as I can possibly be in the field dentistry.” With Dr. Russo, rest assured your teeth are in the most capable of hands.

Dr. John Russo is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He completed his specialty training in periodontics at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he also earned a master of health sciences degree. Dr. Russo is a clinical assistant professor of periodontics at the Medical University of South Carolina, and he is a diplomat of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. Dr. Russo is also the president of the Southern Academy of Periodontology. A nationally recognized expert in dental implants and bone grafting, Dr. Russo lectures across the United States, Canada and Mexico to share his knowledge with other dentists. His private practice is located in Sarasota, where he diagnoses and treats periodontal (gum) disease, performs periodontal plastic surgery procedures and helps patients who are missing some, or all, of their teeth by placing dental implants. Dr. Russo works closely with many excellent restorative dentists in the area to give patients the benefit of the combined expertise of a specialist and a restorative dentist.
Dr. Burr Bakke and Dr. Jill Morris offer their patients a unique service with over 60 years of talent and expertise all under one roof. They both had very successful practices before they met while teaching post-graduate courses to dentists. Dr. Bakke practiced in Downtown Dallas and Dr. Morris practiced in Sarasota. Both practices were featured in the book How to Create an Exceptional Aesthetic Practice. Dr. Bakke joined Dr. Morris’s practice in 2004 after they married. Dr. Bakke performs all aspects of surgery involving dental implants, sinus grafts and bone grafts. Having taught cosmetics and bite alignment as an educator, he completes all restorations for his patients. Dr. Bakke’s forte is the All-On-4™ implant technique in which the implants and restorations are placed at the same appointment. Dr. Morris is the only accredited cosmetic dentist with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry in Sarasota. She helped pioneer the dental face-lift, which reverses the look of collapsed faces and worn teeth. She also places porcelain veneers without altering the natural tooth structure. Due to her artistic eye and attention to detail, Dr. Morris is internationally trained in facial fillers and Botox. This treatment can be combined with hygiene appointments or other dental procedures. The uniting of their training in various fields of dentistry allows them to treat patients comprehensively for better health and a happier life. Both dentists have been treating gum disease with lasers for over 20 years. There are three hygienists in their practice with a health-centered approach. With their on-site laboratory run by their son, a dental technician, they are able to control all aspects of treatment. Many restorations are completed at one appointment. Injecting energy into the practice, two of their children are laboratory technicians and two will be dentists. They look forward to an innovative and bright future.

Dr. Burr Bakke graduated from Baylor Dental school in 1980 and the College of Integrative Medicine and Dentistry with a doctor of biologic dentistry and naturopathic physician degrees 2014. He is a member of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology, International Academy of Biological Dentistry and Medicine and the Holistic Dental Association. He is a fellow of the American Dental Implant Association, the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and the American Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics. He is a post-doctoral instructor of full mouth reconstruction at the Las Vegas Institute of Advanced Dental Studies. Dr. Jill Morris graduated from University of Florida College of Dental Medicine 1985 and is an accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics and a post-doctoral instructor of full mouth reconstruction and aesthetics at the Las Vegas Institute of Advanced Dental Studies. She is a member of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology, International Academy of Biological Dentistry and Medicine and the Holistic Dental Association. She holds clinical and transpersonal hypnotherapy degrees from the Florida Institute of Hypnotherapy.