

2017 TOP DENTISTS

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AROUND the GUMS

Before we get started, an overview of Top Dentists and the Valley healthcare professionals who make it possible.

► 2017 is the 15th annual *Top Dentists* issue from *PHOENIX* magazine. It's also the first *Top Dentists* list compiled via an online vote, which resulted in a record response rate: More than 25 percent of the board-licensed dentists practicing in the Valley cast votes this year.

HANGING UP HIS DRILL

Multiple *Top Dentists* honoree Arthur Chal of Chal Dentistry in Phoenix had the votes to qualify in the Cosmetic Dentistry category this year but retired in June.

NEW in TOOTH SCIENCE

Dr. Paul Kelly, top vote-getter in oral maxillofacial surgery, reviewed some exciting new advancements.

"Tooth banking": Allows patients to store stem-cell-rich tooth roots for possible treatment of Parkinson's, cancer and other disorders. "It's been slow to launch" but has potential, Kelly says.

Intraoral scanning: Used to model implants and crowns, it "provides an alternative to the gooey, mess impression process."

Platelet-rich plasma: A well-known treatment for top athletes, but can also be used to facilitate bone grafting for dental implants. "It's drawn from the patient's own blood, therefore disease transmission is not an issue."



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