



HOUSE CALL
DENTISTS

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Newsletter for Healthcare Professionals: New York City Edition

House Call Dentists: Concierge and Special Accommodations Dentistry

House Call Dentists provide at-home dental services to patients who value high quality healthcare in the privacy and comfort of their home. Our dentists and staff will provide a comprehensive examination and utilize advanced mobile dental technologies for both diagnosis and treatment. We visit private homes, residential care communities, skilled nursing facilities, and patients in the hospital. House Call Dentists is a fee-for-service private practice with an office in Manhattan.

A division of the Blende Dental Group, House Call Dentists have been treating general patients as well as those with dental phobias and special needs, including those with physical, medical or cognitive challenges in San Francisco for over 25 years. We are able to serve a diverse range of patients by individualizing our treatment, either Awake (in-office), Asleep (sedation options), or At Home (via a house call). In 2008, we established a full-time house call service, providing care to those who are confined to their homes, have difficulty traveling, or prefer to receive care in their home. In 2013, we opened our second location in New York City.

Erica Haskett, DDS, Director of House Call Services: New York City



Dr. Haskett received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from New York University. Originally from Central Valley, Dr. Haskett attended the University of California, Irvine majoring in biological sciences. She completed her post-graduate training with a general practice residency in dentistry at the Community Regional Medical Center and the Veterans' Administration, both in Fresno, California, where she received extensive training in the treatment of geriatric, disabled, and special needs patients. She then joined the Blende Dental Group where she leads a team in complex restorative care in the hospital and office settings, and is acting Director of House Call Services at our Manhattan office.

David Blende, DDS, Founder



Dr. Blende is a graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) with more than 30 years experience providing comprehensive dental care in both hospitals and private practices in Switzerland, Beverly Hills and San Francisco. He developed a reputation for his aesthetic dentistry as well as his singular dedication to special needs patients. Not only does Dr. Blende have the technical skills necessary to address the challenges of serving this population, but also he has the drive to continually create new services for these underserved populations. In the early 1980's, he became one of a pioneering group of dentists doing full-mouth rehabilitation using general anesthesia in a hospital setting and an early member of the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA). In the mid-2000's, he became one of the few dentists to service homebound patients by performing house

calls. Dr. Blende has also served as the Chairman of the California Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs and Research as well as the President of the French Foundation for Medical Research and Education. He is Chief of the Dental Division at two major San Francisco hospitals and on staff at six additional Bay Area hospitals.

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Study at Mount Sinai: Many Homebound Elderly Patients in NYC are Not Receiving Dental Care

More than 20% of the City's population over the age of 60 are mobility and/or self-care impaired.¹ Moreover, these numbers are growing.

A recent study² within the Mount Sinai Visiting Doctor program assessed the oral health status, dental utilization and dental needs of homebound elderly care patients. Findings show their oral health status was poor and their quality of life was significantly affected by a lack of basic dental care:

92% needed some type of dental treatment beyond oral hygiene needs.

Other findings include:

Dentate Patients (76%)

- 40% needed restorative care
- 46% needed dental extractions

Edentulous Patients (24%)

- Without dentures: 18% needed a full denture for one or both arches, and 64% (partially edentulous) needed dentures to replace missing teeth.
- With dentures: 26% had inadequate denture integrity and 68% had compromised occlusion. 59% of denture wearers complained about their denture.

All Patients

- 33% reported having current dental /oral pain
- 50% stated that they "often or always" had problems in four major oral health categories: 1) the overall condition of their mouth, 2) their chewing ability, 3) their oral health fears and concerns, and 4) their decreased ability to socialize.

Despite the clear need demonstrated by these statistics, 96% of study participants stated that they had not seen a dentist since they became homebound, typically 3- 6 years prior.

1. New York City's Department for the Aging, Profile of Older New Yorkers, February 26, 2010 <http://www.disabled-world.com/news/america/newyork/>

2. Gluzman, R. et al (2013, Sept/Oct). Oral health status and needs of homebound elderly in an urban home-based primary care service. *Special Care in Dentistry*, pages 218-226.



Who Can You Help Today?

93% of study participants answered that they would be interested in receiving dental care at home.

Please take a moment to think about the patient charts on your shelves. Is there anyone you haven't seen for a while? Could it be because they have become non-ambulatory or now have complex medical conditions?

House Call Dentists look forward to partnering with you to care for these patients and we welcome your referrals.