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**Leading NYC Periodontist, Dr. Scott Froum Uses Teledentistry**

**to Conduct Emergency Consultations During COVID-19**

**New York, NY – May 5th, 2020 –** Dr. Scott Froum, a board certified periodontist with an office in the heart of Manhattan on 1110 Second Avenue, is using theTeleDent™ all-in-one teledentistry platform from MouthWatch LLC to deliver urgent care to his patients and keep them out of hospital emergency rooms during the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Dr. Froum “Although the American Dental Association and the New York State Dental Board have recommended that dental offices close down with the exception of urgent care, we are well-prepared to serve our patients when and if a dental emergency arises.”

Dr. Froum says that since his office is equipped with the leading teledentistry platform, TeleDent, he is able to evaluate potential urgent dental care situations remotely via a patient’s smart phone. “Once we conduct a virtual visit, we can determine if our patient has a true emergency. If such is the case, we can then prescribe appropriate medication and schedule an emergency appointment in our office ASAP.”

In addition to providing an important emergency service to Dr. Froum’s patients, TeleDent is also helping to keep them out of emergency rooms, which may be overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients.

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“Most ERs are not well-equipped to handle dental emergencies. They may be able to prescribe interim medication but won’t be able to treat the underlying reason for their pain and discomfort,” adds Dr. Froum. “What’s more, in addition to following the strictest infection control procedures in our office, we’re also reducing the risk of coronavirus infection by seeing our emergency patients one-by-one with no time spent in the waiting room.”

“Our entire team is looking forward to providing hygiene services and elective dental procedures when we are able to return to business as usual. We will, however, keep using TeleDent to perform virtual consultations and post-operative exams in order to practice social distancing and allow patients to see us without having to miss time away from work” said Dr. Froum. “In the meantime, we’re using TeleDent to stay connected with our patients throughout this challenging time and being there for them should they have a dental emergency.”

**About Dr. Scott Froum:** Dr. Scott H. Froum is a board-certified periodontist with a state-of -the-art practice located in the heart of Manhattan at 1110 Second Ave., Suite #305. Dr. Froum

received his BA from Amherst College in Amherst, MA. He received his DDS from the State University of New York Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine where he graduated with honors. He continued his dental training in the post graduate periodontal department at the State University of New York Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and received his periodontal certificate. He currently is a clinical associate professor at SUNY Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in the Department of Periodontics. He is chief editor of the Perio-Implant Advisory. He has lectured on the national and international level on implant therapy, bone and gum regeneration, and complications.

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