

Hate the dentist? Walnut Creek Dentist Becomes First In San Francisco Area to Offer a New Device That Lets Patients “Kill the Drill” *Dental Button is latest breakthrough in reducing anxiety*

Who doesn't dread the dentist? The discomfort – the feelings of helplessness – and, oh, the sound of that drill! It's enough to keep 20% of the population away from the dentist until they have a true emergency. But a new product called [The Dental Button®](#) is changing dental appointments for people around the world who hate going to the dentist. And [Dr. James Mattingly](#) has just become for the first and only dentist in the San Francisco area to give his patients the power to actually STOP THE DRILL!

Yes, that's right! The Dental Button® gives power to the patient to stop dental anxiety by pressing a button that immediately halts the dentist's drill. *“It definitely is one of the best investments I've made for my practice. My patients appreciate that I'm willing to empower them this way, and they're giving me referrals,”* said Dr. Mattingly who practices in Walnut Creek. Dr. Mattingly joins dentists across the U.S. and in seven other countries who are experiencing the benefits of the Button:

Inventor Dr. Michael Edwards of Union, Missouri based the concept for this revolutionary product on research that led to patient-controlled analgesics (morphine pump) in the medical field more than 30 years ago. That psychological study found patients are willing to put up with more discomfort if they know they have the power to stop it. Few patients ever press The Dental Button® to stop the drill. But if they do, the dentist can resolve their problem then quickly reset the system and continue the procedure.

Simply put, less anxiety means less perceived pain. That decrease in stress actually shortens procedure times and increases productivity, so that's a win for both the patient and the dentist.



That was awesome of Dr. Mattingly to invest in technology that empowers me as his patient!

Jennifer L., Walnut Creek

I didn't need to press the button. Just knowing I could stop the drill if necessary was VERY comforting. Every dentist should have this technology.

Frank S., Concord

Even though I didn't have to use The Dental Button, it helped me to relax knowing that I could stop the drill if needed. Thanks, Dr. Mattingly, for caring!

Tia L., Walnut Creek