

Teeth trailblazers

Dentists today are pros at making smiles healthy, but it took some brave people to pave the way.



Check out some of the men and women who changed dentistry forever.



John Baker
America's first dentist
In 1760, John Baker traveled from England to America to set up shop as a dentist. Before him, there were no trained dentists to handle tooth troubles.



Horace Hayden and Chapin Harris
Founders of the first dental school
Horace and Chapin founded the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1840. This meant that people who wanted to learn about oral health could go to school and become dentists.



Lucy Beaman Hobbs Taylor
First woman to earn a dental degree
Ohio College didn't allow Lucy to attend at first, but she kept applying. She graduated with her dental degree in 1866. This opened the door for female dentists everywhere.



Wilhelm Rontgen
Inventor of the X-ray
Wilhelm was the first person to see through solid objects. His invention happened in 1895 when he accidentally discovered X-rays. His new tool let dentists peek inside patients' mouths.