Imagine gazing at a lake with a fountain splashing inside it, ducks floating on the surface, birds soaring by, while you’re at the dentist. Cozy blankets, your favorite XM radio station and pillows add to your comfort zone. Relaxing, isn’t it?

It’s all part of the special treatment you receive as a patient of Carol Ford, D.D.S. In practice in the Camelback Corridor for 27 years, Dr. Ford offers the latest technology in a relaxing setting overlooking an urban lake. She provides a complete range of treatments from cosmetic, implant and reconstructive dentistry to everyday general dental care. Invisalign orthodontic treatment is an option for patients with crooked or misaligned teeth.

“We take a comprehensive approach to patient-centered care,” Dr. Ford said. “We look at all aspects of patients’ health as well as their oral health.” Preventive care is stressed, too. Teeth, mouth and gums all contribute to overall health and quality of life, which is why it’s so important to stop oral problems before they can start.

“Once patients know all their treatment options, it’s up to them to decide how to be treated,” she said. “Our team is exceptionally skilled and highly motivated to offer the best care possible.”

Dr. Ford resolves bite issues and performs such cosmetic dentistry procedure as teeth whitening and porcelain veneers. She also does restorative dentistry such as implants, crowns and bridges. With an implant, an artificial titanium tooth root is surgically placed into the jaw where teeth are missing. Over four to six months, with a temporary restoration in place, the root integrates with the surrounding bone tissue. Once the implant has fully integrated with the jawbone, a crown or bridge can then be placed on the implant.

High-Tech Tools
Dr. Ford also uses lasers to treat gum disease. “Only 11 percent of dentists are using lasers for gums right now,” she noted. She also uses the laser for gum lifts, recontouring gums, for certain cosmetic procedures and for treating herpes cold sores. “The laser appears to cure cold sores; after two or three treatments, they don’t recur, and that’s a huge benefit for our patients,” she said.

For the greatest comfort during treatment, she uses an electronic dental Wand™ that delivers anesthetic at such a slow rate that patients don’t feel the injection. “It looks like a straw, and it’s much more comfortable than any injection delivered in a hand-held syringe,” she said.

“What I enjoy most about my dental practice is having an effect on people’s lives,” she said. “I build relationships. I treat my patients as they have chosen to be treated.”