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We welcome you to our practice. This letter is enclosed to help you become familiar with the procedures that are typical of orthodontic treatment in our office.

This is what you can expect on your first visit for the INITIAL EXAMINATION:

1. Assistance in completing our health history form.
2. A private conference with Dr. Cohen to review your dental and medical history and the opportunity to discuss your goals and questions about orthodontic treatment.
3. A thorough visual examination of the mouth by the Doctor to determine if orthodontic treatment is indicated.
4. An orientation tour of our office to learn about our procedures and meet staff members who will be assisting you during treatment.

This first visit is designed to help you understand the orthodontic status of the mouth and the effect it has on health and appearance. It also is a time to talk over the approximate length of treatment and cost. There is no fee for this examination. You can expect this appointment to take from half an hour to an hour or more.

If immediate treatment is indicated, we will schedule a RECORDS appointment. This appointment will consist of:

1. Impressions for study models.
2. Photographs within the mouth and of the face.
3. A complete series of x-rays including a circular x-ray (panorex) and one or more skull x-rays (cephalograms). Sometimes a series of x-rays of the jaw joints will be taken if a jaw joint problem (TMJ – temporomandibular joint disorder) is suspected. These x-rays are called tomograms.

If you choose, these records may be taken at your initial examination. Our standard records fee can range from \$300 - \$350 depending on the number of skull x-rays needed and is payable on the day the service is provided. If tomograms of the jaw joints are needed this fee can range from \$100 - \$400 depending on the number of views required. The expense for tomograms should be filed with your medical insurance carrier. If benefits are available for tomograms, they will be paid based on the Insurance Company's fee schedule.

Once all of our diagnostic records are made, a CONSULTATION appointment will be scheduled to discuss:

1. Dr. Cohen's findings derived from the analysis of the records and clinical examination.
2. The treatment plan and expected results.
3. The length of treatment and the fee.
4. Financial arrangements and policy regarding insurance coverage, if applicable.

The next step is a quick 15 minute appointment to place "spacers" in the mouth. These will create the space needed to band the molars. This visit will be followed a week later by one or two longer appointments to place the orthodontic appliances. The longer appointments will be scheduled during the morning. After orthodontic appliances are in place, visits are usually scheduled at 4 to 6 week intervals for adjustments. Appointments are rotated between morning and afternoon so school age patients will occasionally have an appointment during school hours. All repairs and 45 minute or longer appointments are scheduled during morning hours or early afternoon.

If you have orthodontic insurance, please bring a completed form with you to the CONSULTATION visit.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with orthodontic care. If you have any other questions, feel free to call me or I will be happy to discuss them with you at your INITIAL appointment.

Yours truly,

Sonya Breaux
Treatment Coordinator