

Treatment Plan with Associated Fees:

By signing this consent form the patient simply acknowledges that he/she/they are aware of the recommended therapies in addition to their respective fees.

All dental procedures can create pain in your teeth/mouth. If a procedure causes tooth pain then the patient is responsible to pay for any root canals or extractions that become necessary.

Cleaning procedures use scraping tools and ultrasonic devices to remove tartar from the teeth. This will cause sensitivity, pain and fractures to your existing restorations / weakened areas of enamel. We will charge full price to repair any fractures or damage that happens during any of our procedures including normal dental cleanings. We do not take responsibility for any post-op pain, discomfort, tooth fractures or restoration fractures.

This is just an estimate, not a guarantee of payment by your insurance company. In the event that the patient's insurance pays less than the estimated portion, then the patient is responsible for the full balance and all collection fees. It is the patient's responsibility to request from the office a preauthorization for the procedures they wish to have performed. The patient can simply wait until preauthorization is received prior to doing dental treatment to ensure there will be predictable results for insurance coverage and benefits. The patient can NOT complain later that their insurance didn't pay because it was always the patient's responsibility to request and receive predetermination report with preauthorization from their insurance company.

Dental Anesthesia can cause epinephrine reaction, palpitations, loss of consciousness, heart attack, stroke, aneurysm, nerve injury (including permanent facial nerve paralysis), permanent nerve pain or parasthesia and even death. You accept these risks if you undergo dental anesthesia. Please consult with an oral surgeon if you are unsure about this decision.

We cannot assess the restorability of your teeth until we remove the existing restorations and caries. After excavation we will make a determination about restorability. Sometimes we start a procedure but determine intra-operatively the tooth is unrestorable. The patient must pay full price for any extraction, bone graft or implant treatment that is thus necessary. It is the patient's responsibility to first receive second opinion or expert level care from prosthodontist prior to accepting treatment from our general dentists in our office. The patient can not then complain later that our general dentists did a poor quality job because we have already clearly explicitly referred you to all other specialists to receive second opinions and expert level care for your dental work. Thus, you should immediately get second opinion from prosthodontist, periodontist, endodontist and oral surgeon prior to initiating any treatment at all in our office. This is your responsibility to do and you can not complain later that our general dentists didn't explain this important alternative option to you. Furthermore, a very common and problematic situation in the general dentist office is when a patient presents with loose prosthetic crown or bridge. The patient hopes we can remove the bridge and replace it with just simple recement. However, when the dentist or the assistant removes the bridge/crown we then realize one or both of the abutment teeth are completely compromised due to large recurrent caries and existing large core build up with root canal or post in some cases. These are all things that severely weaken and compromise the abutment tooth meaning the dentist can not replace the bridge or even fix the abutment tooth. Now the patient requires 1 or more extractions with multiple implants that cost about \$4000 per site (per tooth). The patient is responsible to pay 100% of the fees for the implants that are now needed. The company will take zero responsibility in the condition of your abutment teeth when the bridge is removed. 90% of these cases reveal severe caries on 1 or more of the abutment teeth when the bridge is removed. Patient should be expecting to hear they now need root canals with post and cores, entirely new bridge costing \$1000 per unit (3 unit bridge is \$3000), each root canal will cost the patient \$1000, each post and core will cost the patient \$400 and many cases are not even possible for repair of the abutment. Those cases will result in a bill of \$4000 per site to remove the broken and restoratively hopeless abutment tooth for the purpose of placing dental implant. Finally, that brings us to the

worst case scenario. For some cases the patient will say they can not afford \$4000 per site for the implants. Other cases the dentist will say the patient has inadequate bone in some sites for implants. Thus, in these cases the patient will be forced to resort to removable partial dentures.

Sometimes favorable flossing contacts are impossible to achieve with direct chair-side restorations. These teeth will require crowns to provide the proper contours that allow for strong flossing contacts, otherwise food impaction will occur. It is the patient's responsibility to pay for additional crowns and even root canals that may become necessary.

All patients grind their teeth at night & during the day. Bruxism will damage your teeth & your dental restorations. All patients are encouraged to purchase and utilize a hard Night Guard. If you decline to purchase & regularly use a hard night guard, then you should expect damage to your dental restorations.

We make no guarantees or warranties on the services, restorations or appliances we provide. We make no guarantees and we offer no refunds. Thus, night guards, retainers, restorations, dentures, implants, bone grafts, gum grafts, root canals, surgical stents and dental appliances are all subject to undesirable outcomes. We will provide zero refunds and zero free redo's. All dental appliances including night guards & surgical guides must be received by the patient within 14 days of the first attempt to contact the patient. If more than 14 days has passed from the first documented attempt for the office to contact the patient about the case delivery then our office will charge at least \$300 per jaw for each new impression that is needed. It is the patient's responsibility to continually call the dental office to follow up on and confirm receipt of their dental appliances and case materials. The patient can not complain later "but the dental office didn't call me to inform me about this." Once the dental office documents an attempt to contact the patient about their case delivery the 14 day timeline begins and we will not accept any complaints or redo requests beyond the 14 day time line. We lose money on many of the procedures we do but we do them as a courtesy to the patients. Thus we need to have safeguards to avoid redo's when even the initial attempt results in loss of revenue for the dental office. Furthermore, some patients have inadequate range of motion in their TMJ jaw and their mouth will not open wide enough for us to do the procedure such as placing implants using surgical guide. In these situations we can try enameloplasty of hyper-erupted teeth and other options but ultimately if the patient is unable to handle the procedure we will give up after 20-30 minutes and there will be absolutely zero refunds for the patient for nitrous oxide, surgical guide or other parts of the therapy because the company will not take responsibility for variations in TMJ anatomy resulting in inadequate range of motion to complete a procedure.

Multiple ceramic restorations will provide excellent cosmetics and shade matching. Most patients need 6 to 8 ceramic restorations to achieve excellent cosmetics. Composite resin is NOT capable of providing excellent cosmetics.

We provide zero warranty for longevity of restorations. Depending on your bruxism habit a restoration can break within hours of placing. We charge full price to repair fractured restorations.

Allergy: You accept full responsibility for any allergy that you experience after dental therapy in our office. Night guards, restorative materials & other materials we use can cause allergy (including anaphylaxis with death). We offer no refunds due to allergic reactions. You are responsible for all financial costs of correcting your allergic reactions. Get allergist consult first for titanium allergy prior to receiving titanium implants. Get allergist consult first for all restorative materials.

Discount treatment plans expire exactly 365 days after creation. The value for 'X' indicates the patient's cash portion for the indicated set of procedures. This is a package deal and the patient can NOT expect any refunds due to insurance payments. If the patient requests changes then the office will honor the insurance EOB document.

It is the patient's responsibility to request and obtain proper x-ray studies otherwise there will be life threatening

pathology that goes undetected. We recommend full mouth series every 3-5 years and 4 BW's every 12 months. A cat scan (cone beam) can show cancer or pathology that our general dentists are not trained to identify. You should pursue independent consultation with a dental radiologist for your cat scan.

BROKEN APPOINTMENTS: It is your responsibility to contact the office to confirm a appointment 48 hours prior to the appointment time. If a patient fails to show up for a confirmed appointment (or if a minor presents without a legal guardian) then that patient's ledger will be charged \$60 per thirty minutes, for broken appointment fees. If the patient is 20 minutes late for their confirmed appointment, then we charge broken appointment fees. Medicaid forbids us from charging broken appointment fees, thus our policy is to immediately dismiss any family file with Medicaid insurance that has more than 1 broken appointment within a 36 month span of time for any combination of family members in the file.

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