

# **TO OUR PATIENTS**

## **WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE**

We are delighted that you have selected us to provide for you services necessary to protect and maintain the health of your teeth. Our staff will always try and make your time spent with us as pleasant as possible and help you in any way to overcome any fears or apprehensions you may have towards dentistry.

## **PATIENT DOCTOR PARTNERSHIP**

We feel it is imperative to develop early, a mutual understanding with our patients as to our goals and philosophies concerning good dental health. First we ask you to read carefully this pamphlet describing a few of our thoughts on how we feel about the care of our patients.

This will allow you to decide if this is the type of dental service that you desire. If it is, then we both will begin our association with similar goals and we can then work together towards reaching them. It is only through this partnership with one another that we can both benefit, and we can then provide for you a healthy and comfortable mouth for now and in the future.

## **OUR GOALS FOR YOU**

This is a two phase program which includes

- i. Informing our patients on how to prevent more dental disease
- ii. Correction of all present dental defects and diseases

## **PHASE 1 – PREVENTION**

This is probably the most important concept that we have to tell you about and the most helpful service that we provide. Many of us look at the dentist as a repairman or someone to call only when there is pain in their mouths, rather than someone who can teach us how to prevent these problems from ever occurring.

Our objective here will be to transform this unfortunate attitude into an enthusiasm for prevention. We now know considerably more about what causes dental disease and how we can combat it. With this recently acquired knowledge wouldn't it be wiser to concentrate our efforts now in preventing these dental diseases from ever starting, rather than repairing its destruction at a later date? It makes better sense to us to now approach dentistry with this foremost in our mind, rather than to see never ending cycles of damaged teeth, frustration, discouragement and unnecessary expensive obligations.

## **PHASE 2 – CORRECTION OF PRESENT DISEASE**

Existing defects and diseases need to be corrected so as not to allow more severe problems to arise, such as pain, toothaches, swollen and infected gums, poor appearance, loss of comfortable chewing ability and finally loss of teeth.

### **DIAGNOSIS – LEARNING ABOUT YOU**

We will begin our association on your initial appointment by becoming acquainted with one another and conducting a complete and thorough evaluation of your mouth with the help of your past dental history and necessary x-rays and diagnostic casts of your teeth. We will also discuss in detail with you what particular types of treatment will be required to place your mouth in good dental health. An estimate of cost will be given to you before any of our treatments are started. We encourage you to feel free to ask any questions no matter how insignificant you may feel they are regarding our findings or recommendations. Once the treatment is agreed upon we will be able to schedule well planned productive appointments so that the work will be accomplished in the shortest time possible.

### **SUCCESS OF FAILURE???**

The rewards for following such an approach to dentistry will be to insure you of comfort, good appearance and lifetime of good health. Once we have corrected your present disease, if any and have developed with you the skills necessary to prevent further problems then success or failure for reaching “our common goals” with you will depend entirely on your conscientious practice of the good day to day care of your mouth.

### **TAHNK YOU**

We thank you for your time spent in reading about our ideas on dentistry and we now look forward to meeting you.