

Laurel Dental Associates

Welcome to Our Practice!

We are committed to providing exceptional dental care to our patients in a compassionate, professional environment. The following information is provided to introduce you to our practice philosophy and policies.

Appointments

Appointments are scheduled so we can provide the most efficient care in a relaxed setting. We make every effort to honor time commitments and we appreciate patients extending us the same courtesy. Patients are reminded of their appointments 2-3 days in advance by email, text, or phone. Patients are kindly asked to confirm their appointment at least 48 hours prior to their appointment through the reminder method employed.

New Patient Appointments

We reserve 45 minutes for each new adult patient visit and 30 minutes for each new child visit. This allows time for us to listen to patient concerns and to properly diagnose and develop appropriate treatment plans.

Continuing Care

Our practice is focused on prevention and maintaining optimum oral health. We recommend comprehensive treatment and continuing care on an appropriate recall schedule.

Urgent Care After Hours

We accommodate patients of record who experience dental emergencies after hours. If you are a patient of record and have a dental emergency, you can call the office for information on how to contact us.

Children and Adolescents

We are happy to start seeing children at the age of three. Parents are welcome to accompany their children in the operatories. We require that parents remain in the office with children under the age of 18 for the entire appointment. Failure to comply may result in the appointment being rescheduled.

Cancellations and Missed Appointments

We require 48 hours' advance notice of a cancellation. Patients who do not provide 48 hours notice of a cancellation or who do not present for a scheduled appointment may be charged a fee. Patients who fail to present for a second appointment may be dismissed from the practice.

Payments and Insurance

Payment for treatment is due and payable the day services are rendered. It is our goal, however, to assist all of our patients in obtaining the dental treatment they deserve. As a result, we offer several payment options, including cash, check, credit card, and third party financing. For patients with dental insurance, we will file the appropriate claim forms.

Patient's Initials: _____

Date: _____

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Patient Information

Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Sex: M / F Birth Date: ___ / ___ / _____ SS#: _____

Family Status (circle): Single Married Divorced Child Spouse's Name: _____

How did you first hear about our office? (circle one):

Another Patient

Another Dental Office

Brochure

Online Search

Facebook

Work

School

Insurance Website

Sign -Drive by

Walk in

Other: _____

Whom may we thank for referring you to our practice? _____

Person Responsible for Account

Name of responsible party: _____

Relationship to patient (Circle): Self Spouse Parent Other: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ___ / ___ / _____ SS#: _____

Contact Information

What is the best way to communicate with you? Home Phone / Mobile Phone/ Text / Email

In the event of an emergency, whom should we contact? Name _____

Relationship _____ Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Mobile #: _____

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Insurance Information (Primary)

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to patient: _____

Insured Birth Date: ___ / ___ / ____

Insurance Plan Name: _____ Insurance Co Phone #: _____

Claims Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Group #: _____ ID #: _____

Insurance Information (Secondary)

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to patient: _____

Insured Birth Date: ___ / ___ / ____

Insurance Plan Name: _____ Insurance Co Phone #: _____

Claims Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Group #: _____ ID #: _____

Employment Information

Employer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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I have read the Cancellation and Missed Appointment Policy. I understand and agree to this Policy.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

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Medical History

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

1. Date of last physical exam: _____ Physician's Name: _____

Physician's Phone#: _____

2. Have you ever been hospitalized (if yes, explain below)? Yes No

3. Have you been under the care of a medical doctor during the past two years? Yes No
If yes, what for? _____

4. Have you ever had any excessive bleeding requiring special treatment? Yes No

5. **Women:** Are you pregnant/trying to get pregnant/breast feeding? Yes No

6. Are you allergic to or have you had an allergic reaction to any of the following (please circle if yes):

Local Anesthetic Penicillin Codeine Other Antibiotic: _____

Latex Acrylic Metals Other: _____

7. Are you taking or have you ever taken any of the following medications (please circle if yes):

Fosamax Actonel Boniva For how long? _____

Aredia Reclast Zometa When did you stop? _____

8. Please list other medications you are taking:

Have you ever had any of the following?

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Chest Pains | Yes No | Shortness of Breath | Yes No | Hives/Skin Rashes | Yes No |
| Heart Failure | Yes No | Ulcers | Yes No | Alcoholism | Yes No |
| Heart Disease | Yes No | Mental Health Issues | Yes No | Herpes | Yes No |
| Heart Attack | Yes No | Emphysema | Yes No | Glaucoma | Yes No |
| Heart Problems | Yes No | Fainting/Dizziness | Yes No | Steroid Treatment | Yes No |
| Angina Pectoris | Yes No | Eating Disorder | Yes No | Arthritis | Yes No |
| Heart Surgery | Yes No | Epilepsy/Seizures | Yes No | Dental Implant | Yes No |
| Liver Disease | Yes No | Persistent Cough | Yes No | Dentures/Partials | Yes No |
| Hypertension | Yes No | Tuberculosis | Yes No | Birth Defects | Yes No |
| Heart Murmur | Yes No | Asthma | Yes No | HIV+, AIDS, ARC | Yes No |
| Rheumatic Fever | Yes No | Hepatitis A | Yes No | Hay Fever | Yes No |
| Psychiatric Treatment | Yes No | Hepatitis B | Yes No | Tobacco Products | Yes No |

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|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Sickle Cell Disease | Yes No | Hepatitis C or D | Yes No | Bruise Easily | Yes No |
| Sinus Trouble | Yes No | Pacemaker | Yes No | Jaundice | Yes No |
| Artificial Joints | Yes No | Night Sweats | Yes No | Kidney Trouble | Yes No |
| Thyroid Disease | Yes No | Stroke | Yes No | Diabetes | Yes No |
| Anemia | Yes No | Drug Addiction | Yes No | Chemotherapy | Yes No |
| Blood Transfusion | Yes No | Cold Sores | Yes No | Cancer | Yes No |
| Mitral Valve Prolapse (MVP) | Yes No | Radiation Therapy | Yes No | Transplant | Yes No |

Dental History

1. Date of last dental exam: _____ Date of last dental x-rays: _____
 2. Previous dentist's name / location: _____
 3. Are you having tooth or gum pain at this time? Yes No
 4. Do you feel nervous about having dental treatment? Yes No
 5. Have you ever had a bad experience in a dental office? Yes No
 6. Do your gums bleed when brushing / flossing? Yes No
 7. Have you ever seen a periodontist? Yes No
 8. Have you ever had a "deep cleaning" (Scaling and Root Planning)? Yes No
 9. Is there anything you would like to speak with the Doctor about in private? Yes No
 10. Would you be interested in discussing ways to improve your smile? Yes No
- If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any of the following dental concerns:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|------|--------|---------------|
| Clicking in jaw joint | Yes No | Sensitivity to: | Hot | Cold | Sweets | Biting |
| Pain in or around your ears | Yes No | Swelling | | | | Bleeding Gums |
| Difficulty opening or closing | Yes No | Bad Taste | | | | Bad Breath |
| Difficulty chewing | Yes No | Food Catching | | | | Tooth Pain |
| History of trauma to jaw or face | Yes No | Clenching | | | | Grinding |
| Diagnosis of TMJ/TMD | Yes No | Other: | _____ | | | |

I understand the importance of a truthful health history and realize that incomplete information may have an adverse effect on my treatment. To the best of my knowledge, the information above is complete and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Doctor's Signature _____

Doctor's Notes:

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Financial Guidelines

Payment for treatment is due and payable the day services are rendered. It is our goal, however, to assist all of our patients in obtaining the dental treatment they deserve. Therefore, we are pleased to offer several payment options. Please read the following carefully. Our financial coordinator will answer any questions you may have, and assist you in selecting the appropriate financial plan for your needs.

For your convenience, we offer the following financial options:

1. In addition to personal checks and cash, we also accept payment through MasterCard/Visa, American Express, and Discover.

2. We offer extended payment plans for amounts up to \$25,000 upon approved credit. This plan has the following features:

- No down payment
- Extended terms with low monthly payments.
- No prepayment penalty.
- No interest up to 12 months.

3. Dental Insurance

We are happy to file insurance claims and assist you in obtaining the maximum benefits specified in your contract. However, please keep the following in mind:

- Your insurance is a contract between you, your employer, and your insurance company. We are not a party to that contract. We will do our best to ESTIMATE your coverage, and file your insurance on your behalf. Not all dental services are necessarily covered under your dental insurance plan. It is essential that you read and understand your coverage and pay special attention to any preauthorization requirements, exclusions and waiting periods.
- Our office policy states that you are totally responsible for your bill. The ESTIMATED patient portion of the fee is due at the time of service. If a balance remains after we receive payment from your insurance carrier within 30 days, we will notify you. Failure of your insurance carrier to reimburse our office within 30 days will result in our billing you directly for the remaining balance.
- We are committed to providing the highest quality of care. Our treatment recommendations and the dental services we provide are in the best interest of the patient's health. The patient is responsible for payment in full regardless of an insurance company's arbitrary determination of treatment necessity.

Our participation in a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) is a contract between this office and the organization to provide dental services for the negotiated network fee schedule. Individual coverage and benefits will vary within the organization and are dependent on the contract between you, your employer, and the insurance company. While we guarantee our fees will not exceed the network fee schedule, we cannot be responsible for variances in coverage and benefits within the PPO.

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- If your coverage changes for any reason, please notify the office immediately.

By signing this form, you have read and understand our policy. Any denials or insurance payments less than estimated will be your responsibility. Payment will be due upon our billing cycle. All estimated out of pocket fees and deductibles are due the day of treatment. Ask our office regarding our financial options before your visit, or if you have any questions regarding your insurance and our policy.

Usual and Customary Fees

Our practice is committed to providing the best treatment for our patients, and we charge what is usual and customary for our area and experience. You are responsible for payment regardless of any insurance company's arbitrary determination for usual and customary fees.

I have read the Financial Policy. I understand and agree to this Policy.

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Date