

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR INITIAL EVALUATION

The following will be completed during your initial evaluation:

- Review your medical and dental history
- Review your concerns, expectations, long term goals and values
- Oral cancer screening with Vizalite®
- Examination of the teeth
 - evaluate condition of teeth (wear, decay, cracks, food traps)
 - evaluate existing restorations (fillings, crowns, onlays, etc)
- Periodontal (gum and supporting bone) examination:
 - Probing depths around each tooth
 - Condition (quality and quantity) of gum tissue attachment
 - Signs of mobility
 - Relationship of current restorations to gum levels
- Temporomandibular (jaw) joint examination
 - Palpation (pressing with finger tips)
 - Range of motion tests
 - Auscultation (listening) during function
 - Orthopedic load testing (of the jaw joints)
- Muscle examination
 - Palpation (pressing) of all muscle groups both within and outside the mouth
- Occlusal (bite) examination
 - Relationship of upper and lower teeth when jaw is relaxed
 - Relationship of teeth when jaw moves right, left and forward
- Radiographs
 - Full mouth series
 - Panoramic showing entire upper and lower jaw, jaw joints and sinuses
- Photographs
 - Visual aid to communicate conditions to patient more clearly and easily
 - Aid in effectively communicating conditions to third parties (ins. co., other specialists, etc.)
 - Increase the ability to see conditions through magnification that otherwise would not be detected

Dr. McKissick will take the time to evaluate all the above information carefully. The findings of the exam will be discussed with you during a separate consultation appointment, if necessary. Above all, we want you to be informed, involved in your treatment and feel that the decisions you make are in your best interest.

We do ask that you fill out the new patient form online at least two days prior to your upcoming appointment. You will find an option to fill out the new patient forms online on our website.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. McKissick, D.D.S.