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## PERIODONTICS

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PATIENT INFORMATION	
Date:	
Patient's Name:	
Patient's Telephone:	
Referred By:	
REFERRED FOR THE FOLLOWING	
<input type="checkbox"/> Periodontal Evaluation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extraction(s): #
<input type="checkbox"/> Laser Assisted New Attachment Procedure (LANAP):	<input type="checkbox"/> Crown Lengthening:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge or Sinus Augmentation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Tissue Graft:
<input type="checkbox"/> Implant(s): #	<input type="checkbox"/> Pathology/Biopsy:
Appointment Date/Time:	
COMMENTS	
RADIOGRAPHS / PERIO CHART	
Please send any available x-rays within the last 3 years and most recent PC.	

**What exactly is a periodontist?**

- Periodontists are the foundation specialists. They specialize in the bone and gums around teeth and implants. They have the tools to extend the life of teeth and to replace them with dental implants as needed.

**What is periodontal disease and what are treatment options?**

- Periodontal disease is an infection in the gums and bone. Depending on several factors, we have multiple treatment options for this disease: scaling and root planing (“Deep Cleaning”), laser therapy, bone grafting, gum and bone recontouring, dental implants, gum grafts from a tissue bank or your palate, as well as other treatments. Over 48% of the US population over 30 years of age suffer from this disease.

**There is no cure for periodontal disease.**

- We cannot cure periodontal disease but we may be able to help you keep your teeth and implants for many more years. The only way to truly “cure” this disease is to remove the teeth and NOT place implants because, unfortunately, implants can develop the SAME disease. Proper home care and 2-4 month cleanings are essential for optimal oral health. We are here to help maintain your healthy teeth and implants throughout your life.

**Why am I being referred to a specialist?**

- You may have deep pockets or recession which are both signs of bone loss. If enough bone is lost, the teeth may become loose and then fall out. Your general dentist has been trying to treat your disease but it is now too advanced and you must see a specialist.
- Your dentist is concerned that if the disease is not further treated you may lose teeth in the near future.

**What to expect on your first visit:**

- We will do a comprehensive examination to diagnose and recommend necessary treatment as gum and bone disease is rarely only located at one tooth. Often, the body is symmetrical. The other side or areas may have the disease, but we may be able to catch and treat it before it becomes more severe than the original site.
- Additional information such as “putty” impressions, digital impressions, clinical photos, 3D scan radiograph or an exam from another specialist (i.e. root canal specialist) may be needed to properly diagnose your condition and provide you with a customized treatment plan.

