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Date

New Patient
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Dear New Patient,

I want to extend to you my personal greetings and a very warm welcome to my periodontal practice. My staff and I are committed to doing everything possible to provide you with excellent periodontal, dental implant, and cosmetic care and also to make your visit to our office as pleasant and as comfortable as possible.

We strive to communicate with your dentist during the course of your therapy, and we emphasize the importance of your maintaining contact with your dentist during and after your periodontal and/or dental implant treatment.

Your initial consultation appointment is confirmed on «Next_Appointment» at «Appointment_Time». This initial visit will last approximately one hour.

Prior to your appointment, I want to share some important information with you regarding my specialty and my philosophy:

- At the time of your first appointment, I will listen closely to your concerns and conduct a thorough examination. I will subsequently review my finding and discuss my recommendations with you and your dentist.
- I may also, if necessary, invite you to return to my office for a consultation appointment. The consultation appointment provides me with an opportunity to review my findings with you in detail, make treatment recommendations, and answer all your questions. My firm belief is that when patients understand all their options, they are better able to make an informed decision about their health.

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- Periodontal disease is a progressive condition caused by bacteria and is the most prevalent disease among adults in this country. If left untreated, periodontal disease leads to the loss of teeth and supporting bone. With professional care, however, the disease can be controlled. After periodontal treatment, patients are scheduled with one of our excellent registered dental hygienists for periodontal maintenance therapy to help keep their mouths healthy. We also provide our patients with detailed home care instructions to help them maintain their oral health between visits.
- In addition to treatment for periodontal disease, we also provide the surgical placement of dental implants. Following this procedure, the patient's dentist creates and places the replacement teeth to complete the restoration. We use state-of-the-art dental implants that are extremely stable, predictable, and very natural looking.
- In implant cases and in many other situations, it is necessary for us to work closely with your dentist. We communicate with your dentist regularly by phone, mail, fax, and personal meetings. By coordinating very closely with the dentist, we are able to provide our patients with the benefits of our combined expertise.

Please find enclosed a medical/dental history form. It would be very helpful if you would complete this prior to your appointment and bring it with you.

Finally, I also encourage you to review other information about myself and my specialty of periodontics, as well as directions to our office, on our web site.

Once again, welcome to my periodontal practice. My staff and I pledge to do our best to give you thorough, excellent care in a supportive environment.

Sincerely,

Joseph Cristoforo, D.D.S.

P.S. The directions to our office and other important information is enclosed or can be printed from our web site; if you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (516) 798-5700.