



Because total health depends on oral health

COST-COMPARISON

Scenario A:

Patient A comes in for regular hygiene appointment where a crack is found on one of his teeth. He makes an appointment and gets a crown placed over that tooth for protection and structure retention.

Cost: \$1026

Scenario B:

Patient B misses his last hygiene appointment, figuring it is "just a cleaning". The crack in his tooth is now undiagnosed. The crack becomes larger over the next few months until suddenly the patient is in pain. An appointment is made to see the dentist, but at this point, the root has become compromised. Now the patient requires a root canal, post & core, and a crown.

Cost: \$ 2258

Prevention is priceless...

Your Dental Hygiene Schedule

Every 3-6 months, you should be coming to the office for your regular "cleaning"... but did you know that your appointment is actually much more than that? Your visit has an educational, preventative, and diagnostic aspect. Here is a list of potential procedures performed at your visit.

- Oral cancer screening
- Gum (periodontal) disease screening
- Diagnostic x-rays to check for cavities as well as other tooth and gum structure defects
- Examination of existing fillings for fractures and leakage
- Evaluation of the bite
- Re-check the fit of dental appliances (dentures, partials, retainers, sport guards, night guards, etc.)
- Removal of hardened bacterial containing deposits (tartar or calculus)
- Removal of soft, sticky bacterial containing deposits (plaque)
- Removal of coffee, tea, and tobacco stains
- Floss and polish teeth to make them squeaky clean
- Personal oral hygiene instruction and introductions to new home care devices for your personal use as needed
- Clean denture appliances
- Fluoride and other medicaments as needed
- Develop a treatment plan for your present and future dental needs
- Answer any questions related to dental health and your treatment options

Missing or delaying a hygiene appointment can have costly effects in the future. Catching dental issues before they are causing chewing, biting, or aesthetic problems can help reduce your overall costs.



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