

## *Special Note to All New Patients*

***A professional cleaning performed by a dental hygienist or a dentist is a medical procedure, and must be prescribed by a qualified health care practitioner. In some cases, dental conditions exist that have to be addressed before a cleaning is possible. In other cases, a different type of cleaning than what is usually prescribed is needed for the health of the patient.***

***Because of this, legally and ethically, an examination and x-rays as required by the dentist must be done before any type of cleaning can be started. After an exam and x-rays have been done, the doctor will be able to see whether or not a cleaning is needed as the next step, or if a different procedure (which may include a more involved type of cleaning) is required.***

***Dr. Arnold & Dr. Morelli and their staff are committed to helping their patients achieve and maintain healthy teeth and gums for the long term. The procedures we follow are in the interest of achieving this for as many of our patients as possible.***

***By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statement.***

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***Patient Name (Print)***

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***Patient Signature***

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***Date***

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