



## OFFICE INFORMATION

### **NEW PATIENT REGISTRATION**

Generations Dental Care (GDC) requires a completed registration, health history, and any available radiographs (x-rays) in our office for your first visit. We ask that new patients contact their previous office if they have x-rays that were taken within the past five years and have them transferred to us. They can be emailed to: [treatment@generationsdental.com](mailto:treatment@generationsdental.com)

### **PREVENTATIVE CARE**

GDC recommends all new patients have a new patient exam with the doctor. Adults will have their exam after an initial hygiene appointment. Children under the age of 18 will have their hygiene appointment and exam at the same visit. This exam reviews such things as the patient's overall oral health, dental needs/concerns, oral cancer screening, periodontal screening, review of patient's X-rays, and a recommendation for cleaning intervals. All of our patients have regular cleanings and X-rays based on the doctors recommendations.

### **RADIOGRAPH (X-RAY) FREQUENCY**

GDC requires all adult patients to have a full mouth survey of X-rays (FMX) every three to five years (based on individual dental needs). Also, it is recommended that patients 5 years and older have bitewing (BW) X-rays taken on a regular basis as determined by the doctor. A panoramic X-ray will be taken on teenage children around the age of 14 to evaluate the eruption of their wisdom teeth (3<sup>rd</sup> molars). Any other X-rays will be taken at the doctor's discretion and as the need arises. GDC feels strongly that X-rays are an important part of determining the patient's overall oral health, yet we realize the importance of keeping radiation to a minimum. GDC will not take any unnecessary X-rays.

### **DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN THIS OFFICE**

GDC is a three doctor practice. Visits are scheduled based on the first available doctor as well as areas of expertise. The doctors perform procedures such as cosmetic dentistry, root canals, gum surgery, crowns, bridges, implants, composite (white) fillings, partial and full dentures, routine extractions, and many other general dental treatments. Should the need arise for other types of treatment, our office will coordinate and schedule your appointments with a qualified specialist.

### **PRE-MEDICATING FOR DENTAL TREATMENT**

Certain medical conditions require a patient to take antibiotics prior to dental treatment—this is often referred to as “pre-medication”. Should one of these conditions exist, we will contact your physician and ask for confirmation as to your need for pre-medication. Since your physician is the health care professional who treats you for these conditions, it is our policy to adhere to his/her instructions. Should the physician not have records relating to the condition we are inquiring about, or if a patient does not have a physician, we pre-medicate our patients as a pre-caution. In most cases, rescheduling treatment will be necessary if pre-medication has not been taken.