

Replacement Policy

Our practice is proud of the dentistry that we provide for you and your family. Our goal is not just to correct any dental problems you may have, but also to show you how to prevent dental disease in the future, and to save you time and expense.

The long-term success of the treatment we provide depends on the care of your teeth and gums at home and keeping all recommended professional cleanings within the recommended timeframes. These appointments include periodic examinations by the dentist of the teeth, gums, bone, oral cavity, throat, muscles of the head and neck, oral cancer screenings, x-rays, cleanings, and fluoride treatments. The products we recommend for you and the frequency of visits depends on your individual condition. Visits may be every 3,4 or 6 months, depending on your oral health. With that in mind, we offer the following Replacement Policy:

Composite (Tooth Colored) Fillings

If a composite filling is the *recommended* treatment of choice, we will replace or repair it in the event of a failure for a period of 2 years. Composite restorations done as a *compromised* form of treatment (instead of a crown, inlay, onlay or veneer) are NOT covered under this policy. If the restoration itself breaks or fractures within 2 years and requires a crown or onlay, we will credit the initial cost of the filling toward the crown. You must keep up with the *prescribed* recall appointments and x-rays to allow us to properly monitor and maintain the restoration and wear any prescribed appliances (i.e. night guards) or this policy is null and void. (Minimum recall every 6 months).

Root Canals

Root canal treatment is 96% successful. They do occasionally fail. If you lose your tooth within 5 years *due to failure of the root canal*, we will credit the fee for the root canal towards the fee for a replacement tooth, provided you have restored the tooth as prescribed following the root canal. You must keep up with the *prescribed* recall appointments and x-rays to allow us to properly monitor and maintain the restoration and wear any prescribed appliances (i.e. night guards) or this policy is null and void. (Minimum recall every 6 months).

Crowns, Bridges, Inlays, Onlays and Porcelain Veneers

We will guarantee these laboratory made restorations for a *full 5 years*. We will replace or repair them at no charge during the five-year period if the *restoration* breaks, decays, or loosens with normal use. This does not include accidents that could also break normal, healthy teeth. Breakage or fracture of the *natural tooth* supporting a restoration is NOT covered by this warranty. You must keep up with the *prescribed* recall appointments and x-rays to allow us to properly monitor and maintain the restoration and wear any prescribed appliances (i.e. night guards) or this policy is null and void. (Minimum recall every 6 months).

Dentures and Partial

We will guarantee dentures and partials for a period of 5 years if a tooth on the denture or the denture breaks under normal use. Accidents such as dropping your denture are not covered. Due to the nature of dentures we cannot guarantee your comfort or the ability to accommodate these artificial replacements.

Patients with any natural teeth must keep up with the prescribed recall appointments and x-rays to allow us to properly monitor and maintain the remaining teeth and prosthetic and wear any prescribed appliances (i.e. night guards) or this policy is null and void. (Minimum recall every 6 months).

Note

As you can see we are confident in the durability of the treatment we prescribe for you. The primary key to your long-term success is spending time on your home care: brushing, flossing, using fluoride and other prescribed products. Another key to success is regular professional exams, cleanings, x-rays and fluoride treatments. This policy does not cover accidents that cause damage to the teeth or dental prosthesis.



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