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Welcome and thank you for your interest in becoming a patient in our practice. We just wanted to drop you a little note to let you know what to expect at your initial appointment.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a patient questionnaire, office policy and medical history form. These forms are very important as they help us determine the best course of treatment and we have found that most people prefer to fill them out in the privacy of their home. We need to know about allergies, sensitivity to anesthetics, your past medical and dental history and any medication you are presently taking, including any over the counter medications. This will give us a good picture of your overall health. You will also find an appointment card and a map to our office including our reserved parking in the garage. We have reserved about one hour for you with Dr. Conrad. We understand that everyone's time is valuable, and ask that you provide 24 hour notice if you are unable to keep your appointment. This courtesy gives us time to offer the available appointment to other patients.

Your first appointment with us will allow us time to examine your teeth, gums, jaw, and soft tissues. We'll take the necessary x-rays to examine areas that cannot be seen visually, allowing us to detect disease that will need treatment. We have the latest in x-ray technology that includes a state of the art 3D cone beam imaging system. With 3D imaging we are able to detect much more than with traditional one dimensional x-rays, with much lower exposure. Your new patient exam will also include an oral cancer exam using a state of the art screening device, the "VELscope". If necessary, plaster models will be made of your teeth to examine your bite. The exam includes a blood pressure check and oral cancer analysis again, to assess your total health. This initial visit will help us determine the type of appointment and amount of time to reserve for you to see our hygienist on your second visit for a cleaning or if needed periodontal (gum) treatment. It is during that visit we will have the opportunity to discuss any other dental needs Dr. Conrad may recommend based on your desires and his findings from your initial visit.

As each patient's time is valuable to us, we ask that you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.

We look forward to meeting you, please give us a call if you have any questions prior to your appointment.