

## YOUR INITIAL EVALUATION

The following was completed during your initial evaluation:

- Review your medical and dental history
- Clarifying your concerns, expectations and/or problems
- Oral cancer examination
- Dental examination evaluating condition of teeth and/or restorations
- Periodontal examination:
  - Probing depths around each tooth
  - Condition (quality and quantity) of gum tissue attachment
  - Signs of mobility
  - Relationship of current restorations to gum levels
- Temporomandibular joint examination
  - Palpation (pressing with finger tips)
  - Range of motion tests
  - Auscultation (listening) during function
  - Orthopedic load testing
- Muscle examination
  - Palpation (pressing) of all muscle groups both within and outside the mouth
- Occlusal (bite) examination
  - Relationship of upper and lower teeth when jaw is relaxed
  - Relationship of teeth when jaw moves right, left and forward
- Radiographs
  - Full mouth series
  - Bitewings only
  - Panoramic showing entire upper and lower jaw
  - Transcranial radiograph showing TMJs
- Diagnostic study casts
  - Two sets, either originals or duplicates
  - Esthetic and functional transfer record (facebow)
  - Bite records
- Photographs – Purpose: to evaluate esthetics and condition of teeth and gums (diagnosis)
  - Full series
  - Selected views

Dr. Smith will take the time to evaluate all the above information carefully, consult with any specialists, if indicated, make a specific diagnosis for your current condition and design a blueprint for your care with the diagnostic casts. An individualized long-term treatment program will be designed and discussed with you fully at a future appointment. Above all, we want you to be informed and involved and feel that the decisions you make are in your best interest.

Dr. Smith and Staff