

What to Expect During Your First Visit to Northwood Dental of Clearwater, FL

Greetings New Patient!

Welcome! Here at Northwood Dental, our practice is committed to providing you and your family with trustworthy, friendly, gentle, and affordable dental care. We understand that you or your family may feel anxious about visiting a new dentist. We are very sensitive to our patient's needs, and it is our goal to make you feel comfortable and well cared for.

The first visit will be for a comprehensive new patient exam. Typically, we will schedule you for a second visit to have your teeth professionally cleaned however this is flexible case by case so don't be afraid to ask.

During your first visit, we will review your dental and medical history forms, and take digital X-rays. One of our doctors will take time to get to know you and talk with you about your oral health concerns. Together, you and he/she will look at your X-rays and "take a tour of your mouth." As he/she examines your teeth, gum tissue and other soft tissue, they will show you any areas of health and functional concerns. During this collaborative exam, it is an ideal time to discuss aesthetic issues that have bothered you. The doctor will answer questions you may have.

When you schedule your first appointment with us, tell us about your primary concerns so you are scheduled appropriately, and there is time in the schedule to address any urgent problem.

We will schedule new patients for their first hygiene appointment on a later day unless pre-scheduled. One of our dental hygienists will clean and polish your teeth, as well as make a detailed record of the health of the gum tissue around each tooth. Northwood Dental takes a friendly and caring approach to solving complex oral health issues.

If you have multiple dental problems to be solved, a comprehensive treatment plan is designed for you. In this case, the doctor will then sit down with you to review what he/she thinks is the best course of treatment. Before this subsequent appointment, he/she will study your oral health record, models, and photos; and will spend focused time on a treatment plan that addresses the causes of the problems and will predictably provide lasting results.

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When you meet, your doctor will provide you with details about your treatment options in a language that you can understand and explain the different phases of treatment. Before accepting treatment, you will be fully informed about how the proposed treatment plan will meet your oral health goals, the importance of taking the proposed steps, the estimated fees, and your payment options.

We really do care about your long-term satisfaction. Besides, the joy our patients express after achieving restored health and appearance means the world to us!

Check out our [Online Google Reviews](#) to see why so many patients love Northwood Dental!

Our doctors and entire team are honest, compassionate, and caring. We believe our patients deserve the best of individualized care. This fully-informed approach to treatment planning and our focus on your long-term satisfaction may be unlike any dentistry you have ever experienced before.

Please remember to bring with you on your first visit:

- Download and complete our [New Patient Registration Forms](#).
- If you have insurance, bring your insurance card to the appointment. Our financial coordinator will be happy to review your dental benefits with you.

“Our wellness team is dedicated to promoting and maintaining your dental health, ultimately eliminating the need for future treatment.

*A great smile starts with **YOU** and a healthy smile continues with **US!***