



Casey Patterson DDS

WE WELCOME ALL PATIENTS

Our goal is to help you take care of your teeth, smile and mouth **at a level that is right for you.**

We believe that it is your choice on the level of care that you want in our practice. We will help you thoroughly understand your dental choices so you can make the best decision possible. Your first choice is how you would like us to work with you. Before arriving for your appointment, please consider the following guidelines for care so that we can best meet your goals:

Level 1: Urgent Care

Patients at this level choose treatment only when they experience a crisis such as pain, swelling or bleeding that requires immediate treatment. Urgent care patients are generally not focused on taking steps to ensure future urgencies do not occur. They come in when they know they have a major problem to deal with and the condition has developed to a point of urgency in order to control pain or save the tooth.

Level 2: Reactive Care

Patients at this level choose treatment for obvious problems such as broken or cracked teeth, cavities, sensitivity, discomfort or concerns that are creating issues in the mouth right now. Reactive care patients are usually not focused on taking steps to prevent new concerns or improve their health over time. They only want to deal with concerns that have already developed into conditions that require treatment to remove existing disease or repair the teeth back to the most basic level of health.

Level 3: Proactive Care

Patients at this level seek treatment for existing concerns just like reactive care patients, but they are also concerned about conditions that may create problems in the near future. These patients generally want to maintain the health of each tooth at a basic level so they also do what they can to prevent new concerns from developing. When treatment is recommended, proactive care patients usually prioritize their treatment to manage their costs but still take care of things soon enough so that known concerns are less likely to develop into major problems.

Level 4: Optimal care

Patients at this level have a high value for their dental health and appearance. They desire a complete dental examination and have a desire to be informed of all findings and the potential consequences of each problem. Ultimately they want to be involved in creating a long term master plan for their dental health which includes choosing the longest lasting solutions to their problems.

When you come in for your first appointment with your office, we will review these levels of care with you to help you choose how we should start with you. **It is not uncommon for people to begin at one level and progress to higher levels when they are ready.** We're here to help you discover what is right for you so your teeth, smile and mouth remain as healthy as they can be for life, based on your goals.