

Beautiful Westchester Smiles
CARLOS G. WIESSE, D.D.S.

Dear Valued Patient,

The American Dental Association endorses a program for the detection of periodontal disease. Our hygienist is a specialist in this area. Our examination procedure includes a process for early detection of gum disease. Early detection makes it easier to treat and control. Our hygienist will begin by examining your gums. She will gently use a ruler type instrument to measure any pockets that may exist between the tooth and gum, screen for inflammation and bleeding. If she discovers areas in the mouth which are tender or bleeding then this usually indicates less than healthy tissue.

Upon completion of the exam, the hygienist will put you in one of five ADA categories:

- 0 Healthy Mouth
- 1 Gingivitis
- 2 Early Periodontitis
- 3 Moderate Periodontitis
- 4 Advanced Periodontitis

Any classification other than a category 0 will take you out of the Healthy category and therefore a regular cleaning is not possible. This may change what your insurance covers.

Fortunately for our patients, Healthcare is constantly improving techniques and procedures in order to prevent and treat our patients properly and avoid surgery or possible tooth loss. Unfortunately, some insurance companies/employers are not keeping up with the improvements and are not covering certain procedures.

We, as your concerned providers understand this and will work with you as much as possible. Your oral health is important to us and we want to provide you with the absolute best treatment necessary.

Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns about your insurance with the front office staff members, and any questions or concerns about your diagnosis with our hygienist.

Sincerely,

Carlos G. Wiese, D.D.S.

Signature: _____ Date: _____