



## **Adult Visits**

Thank you for choosing Bagley Dental! We want every patient to understand what to expect when they first visit our office. What follows is a brief explanation of what usually occurs when adult patients come in for a complete checkup:

At your first visit, our Receptionist will have you fill out the necessary paperwork that includes personal information, health history, and insurance information. The receptionist will enter this important information into our computer system and create your electronic chart. Then, she will let our Dental Hygienist know that you are ready to be seen.

Next, our Dental Hygienist will call you back. She will take the necessary x-rays (radiographs) to help us understand your current dental condition. Most new patients will need a Panoramic Radiograph of the whole mouth as well as Bitewing Radiographs to check for cavities between the back teeth. Often patients will need additional Periapical Radiographs depending upon the dental conditions of specific teeth. Then the Dental Hygienist will take measurements of your gums to see if you need a regular cleaning or perhaps a more thorough periodontal cleaning. If a regular cleaning is indicated and there is enough time, then our Dental Hygienist will clean your teeth.

Doctor Bagley will then conduct a thorough exam of the whole mouth. He will discuss with you the findings and make specific recommendations for dental treatment, including the different options that are available. We will print out a copy of the proposed treatment and review it with you.

Finally, we will escort you up to the front to check out with the Receptionist. She can address questions about finances and your account with our office. She can also schedule your return appointment at that time.