



Enlow & Vance Dental Partners, P.A.

*"Your partners for dental fitness"*

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### **Why we don't rush a New Patient Exam.**

Our complete new patient exam includes a lot that would be missed if we didn't allow the time to listen and look carefully.

- . We start with a full set of diagnostic x-rays that allow us to properly identify problems that a few bitewings won't disclose.
- . We complete an oral cancer screening that we see as a necessary precaution for every patient – whether you smoke or not.
- . We complete a bite assessment that will diagnose potential problems for wear fractures, abfractions and bone loss issues.
- . We consider a TMJ assessment vital to identify causes of muscle pain and trismus, headaches and popping and clicking of the jaw joint itself.
- . We take the time to complete periodontal probing and complete charting that includes 6 measurements around each tooth, recession, and mucogingival junction. We also check mobility of teeth. Periodontal disease can severely impact medical and dental health and our patients deserve to know from their dentist if they have this issue.
- . We take oral photographs that are used for diagnostic purposes and dental claim benefit and will give a historical perspective to see whether conditions change.
- . We evaluate a medical health history because we understand that medical issues can impact dental health.
- . We provide time for a detailed doctor consultation and analysis of the patient's dental health. What good is having the information if we don't share it or effectively communicate it with our patient?
- . We review treatment plan options with each patient so that they understand their dental options and can make an informed decision about their own care.
- . We take time to answer insurance questions and review financing options because we understand that money is important and insurance can be confusing.