



Adult Visits

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

On your first visit, our Dental Receptionist will have you complete the necessary paperwork, including personal information, health history, and insurance information. The Dental Receptionist will enter this vital information into our computer system and create your electronic chart. Then, she will let our Dental Hygienist know 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 and Bitewing Radiographs to check for cavities between the back teeth. Often, patients will need additional Periapical Radiographs depending on 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 deeper periodontal cleaning (scaling and root planing). Our Dental Hygienist will clean your teeth if a regular cleaning is indicated.

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

Finally, we will escort you to the front desk to check out with the Dental Receptionist. She can address any financial questions, including payment options, with you. We can also schedule your return appointment at that time.