

Patient Intake

When completing the intake process for a new patient, use the following steps:

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Thank the patient for reaching out to the practice and let them know you are going to help them. |
| 2 | Ask the patient the following set of questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who referred you to our office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When was the referral made? ○ What was the referral for? • Are you experiencing pain or other symptoms related to this condition? • What are you looking to accomplish with a visit to our office? (Try to steer the conversation towards scheduling a consultation or note if the patient needs immediate emergency care.) |
| 3 | Explain the consultation process including images, exam, diagnosis, treatment plan, and discussion of fees and insurance coverage. |
| 4 | Per protocol, ask any questions necessary related to medications and general health conditions. |
| 5 | Answer any questions regarding fees and insurance, and ensure patient understands the cost of the consultation and/or how the need for images or immediate treatment may affect that cost. |
| 6 | Explain that patients referred with this condition should be evaluated as soon as possible to immediately address the issue before impaction, infection, or other teeth are affected. |
| 7 | Schedule the appointment. |
| 8 | Gather current insurance information. |
| 9 | Make arrangements for the patient to complete their intake forms in advance of the appointment. |