

Board Certified Periodontists Cosmetic & Reconstructive Periodontics Dental Implants

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Dear Patient:

You have been referred to the periodontal practice of Drs. Rosenfeld and Mandelaris. We are located in Suite 250 of the Parkside Center at Lutheran General Hospital and are on the attending medical staff in the department of surgery (dental division). As periodontists, we are the link in the health care system between medicine and dentistry. We are a part of your head and neck cancer team and will help to maintain your oral health care before, during and after your cancer treatment. Oral health care is a crucial component in managing successful head and neck cancer therapy.

Your initial visit in our office will consist of the following:

- A comprehensive oral and periodontal examination by either Drs. Rosenfeld or Mandelaris.
- A diagnosis of your current oral health condition and treatment recommendations made.
- Full mouth radiographs- this will allow us the opportunity to evaluate the health of your jaw bones, assess periodontal disease, cavities and any other local pathology. This is extremely important in enabling us to properly diagnose and your individual oral health care needs. If you have a general dentist, a copy of these x-rays will be for your records in that office.
- A hygiene (cleaning) and oral examination by the periodontal hygienist (Bobbie or Sue).
- Oral hygiene instructions- if you do not have an electric toothbrush, we recommend that you buy one (Sonicare or Oral-B). Please bring it with you to your initial appointment.

Total time needed for your initial examination: 2 hours Total cost for your initial examination with radiographs: To be determined at your visit

**Medical and dental insurance will be submitted. However, payment is due on the day of treatment and is your responsibility. We will let you know the cost based on preliminary information gathered from the head & neck clinic.

We are not a replacement for your general dentist, but rather a dental specialty practice in the prevention, management and treatment of the disease that affect the gums, bones and supporting structures. We work in partnership with your general dentist, as your individual general dentistry treatment needs arise. We work closely with your medical team (oncologists and your head and neck surgeon) to ensure that you are treated with compassion and integrity to manage your oral health care needs for the long-term.

Because treatment needs differ for every patient, your individual periodontal and oral health care needs may require subsequent visits and therapy. Treatment recommendations and an individualized plan will be presented either at this visit or at a subsequent visit. Being a part of the head and neck cancer team for your overall care, we will be in contact with your medical oncologists and nurses throughout your care in our office.

Please find enclosed a publication by the American Academy of Periodontology on cancer and oral health for your information. We appreciate the opportunity to be apart of your health care team and will do everything possible to maintain your natural dentition for a lifetime.

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