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To Our Patient Family,

To ensure the protection and safety of you and your family while in our care, we want to explain our office infection control procedures. These steps are designed to protect you, your family and all of us here every day.

Instrument Sterilization

All instruments go through a five-step process for sterilization, which includes special packaging and high heat steam sterilization in a hospital type autoclave. We monitor the autoclave regularly for effectiveness. The packages are opened only during appointments.

Disposables

Like hospitals, we use many single use items such as suction tips, handle covers, barriers, gauze, cotton rolls, etc.

Handpieces

We heat sterilize our handpieces (drills) in a special autoclave after each use.

Disinfection

We use a hospital grade disinfectant to sterilize treatment rooms and equipment surfaces after each patient. The AIDS virus is very fragile outside the body and is easily killed by disinfection. We soak any items which cannot be heat sterilized in a chemical disinfectant which kills the AIDS virus and other bacteria (germs).

Protective Barriers

The staff and dentist scrub with anti-bacterial soap and wear gloves, protective glasses, and masks.

Training

Our training includes the current OSHA, CDC, and American Dental Association guidelines to protect you and us. We all attend annual training seminars, and we have training for new employees.

Questions

Your questions are welcomed.