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The 5 Levels of Dental Care We Offer Our Patients

We understand that choosing a new dentist and dental health team can be a challenge, leaving you feeling somewhat uncertain. Let us welcome you and share some insights about what we do for our patients. The philosophy guiding our practice is as follows:

“Our purpose is to help people achieve the highest level of well-being appropriate for them and, in so doing, to enhance the quality of their lives. “

In other words, we help you to become as healthy as you choose. This is a major departure from the way we were trained. Instead of telling you how healthy you ought to be, we will try to help you understand your choices about dental health and then let you make a free and informed decision. There are five levels on which people may choose to be seen in our practice. Please circle the level of care you feel most appropriate for you at this time.

Please Initial Which Level Describes Your Current Dental Condition

____ **Level 1 URGENT CARE:** People in crisis or with an emergency problem such as pain swelling, or bleeding that need our immediate help are at this level. We see emergencies immediately, whenever possible.

____ **Level 2 REMEDIAL CARE:** People who choose this level of care desire treatment only when something breaks or becomes uncomfortable. Generally, people at this level expect a limited type of examination, focusing on obvious problems. They usually want to correct immediate problems with as little effort and cost as possible.

____ **Level 3 SELF-CARE:** Patients who choose this level of care want a thorough examination and take an active part in the treatment and prevention of present and future disease problems. However, they usually choose repair solutions that are short range in nature. Sometime these patients phase their dentistry, completing treatment as the doctors prioritizes.

____ **Level 4 COMPLETE DENTISTRY:** Patients at this level are similar to people described in level 3. They choose to have a thorough examination. However, they decide on a MASTER PLAN to formulate a long-term treatment plan for health and repair. These patients are very concerned about treating the causes of dental disease, not simply the effects. These patients want all dental treatment provided to be completed in the most lasting fashion possible, as soon as possible.

____ **Level 5 LOOK YOUR BEST:** People in this group are in level 4 as far as dental health is concerned, but also want to look their best at all times. They know that their smile is the first things others notice about them and want to put their best foot forward. They understand the need for a proper function for Cosmetic Dentistry.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____