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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR IMPLANT PATIENTS

We are pleased that you are nearing the completion of your active phase of orthodontic treatment in preparation for the placement of dental implants. Prior to a patient completing active orthodontic treatment, we would like the restorative dentist and/or surgeon to evaluate the patient to insure that the teeth are in proper alignment for the future implant(s). Once we all have agreed that your teeth are in the proper position, it is your responsibility to maintain the proper tooth position through the full-time wear of retainers (except when eating and brushing).

Often there is a period of several months to years between the time of the removal of the orthodontic appliances (braces), and the time of the actual placement of the implants. To maintain the proper positions of the teeth during this time, the patient must wear his or her retainers on a full-time basis. A lack of retainer wear may result in your teeth moving in an undesirable manner. If some drifting of the teeth adjacent to the implant site occurs, it may be necessary to replace the braces for re-alignment of the teeth prior to implant placement. There will be a substantial additional charge for the placement of full or partial braces in such instances. We want to make sure that you are aware of this potential problem.

It is also important to note that your initial set of retainers is included in your financial contract. When your implants are placed, you will require additional retainers. These, and all additional retainers, are delivered on a charge-per-retainer basis. If you would like to discuss this matter with us further, we would be happy to do so.

**FULL TIME WEAR OF YOUR RETAINERS IS NECESSARY UNTIL
REPLACEMENT OF THE MISSING TOOTH OR TEETH IS COMPLETED.**