WELCOME TO OUR PRACTICE



LOCATION

We look forward to seeing you in our office per your scheduled initial appointment. 5102 Paulsen Street, Bldg. 8, Savannah, Georgia 31405

*Due to traffic volume in the area, it is advisable to allow an extra 30 minutes for prompt arrival.

APPOINTMENTS

Please arrive 14 minutes early to your first scheduled appointment so you may register. Late arrivals may have to be rescheduled. Your first appointment takes between 60-90 minutes. It is imperative that present timely. If you are unable to make your appointment, please call our office (912-655-8855) at least 24 hours in advance to reschedule. If you do not present to your scheduled appointment, we may not be able to reschedule your appointment for quite some time.

REGISTRATION

Please give all records and forms to the front desk staff – they will help you register in our office.

PREVIOUS RECORDS

If available, please bring to your initial appointment any x-rays or medical/dental records relating to the symptoms that you are seeking treatment for, taken within the past 6 months.

FINANCES & PAYMENTS

It is our office policy that fees are paid at the time services are rendered. TMJ treatment and oral appliance treatment for obstructive sleep apnea are normally covered under medical, not dental insurance. However, this may vary amongst employers and insurance companies. We will gladly assist you with insurance claims to expedite reimbursement. Accident and worker's compensation cases may have different arrangements.

THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.

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Thank you for giving us an opportunity to help you feel better.

We only treat patients suffering from TMJ disorders, facial pain, and sleep apnea with the use of sleep appliances. The approach that we use represents the end result of many years of practice and research and has helped thousands of patients. Our staff is well trained and eager to help you – please read below to find out more about our diagnosis and treatment process.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Your first visit will be for the purpose of evaluating your problem on a comprehensive basis. This will involve a review of your health history, clinical examination, x-rays, psychometric screening, and other diagnostic records. After the evaluation process is completed, your case will be discussed with you and a management program will be formulated and reviewed with you. On occasion, additional x-rays or consultations may be necessary.

TREATMENT

Your individualized management program may involve a wide variety of modern techniques. The total length and frequency of visits also varies with the needs of each patient. You may be seen as often as once a week or as little as once or twice a month.

YOUR ROLE IN TREATMENT

Patients who come to our clinic may have a complicated and long-standing problem. In order to make your treatment at the clinic most effective, we request the following:

- 1. Please feel free to ask questions and seek information.
- 2. Please keep an open mind about the management program recommended for you.
- 3. Please take the responsibility to become an active participant in your management.

Make the time and commitment to follow through with the entire program offered at the clinic.

COMPLETION OF TREATMENT

When you have received maximum benefit from the active phase of your treatment, you will be placed on a maintenance program. This usually consists of a series of follow up visits at periodic intervals to monitor your continued progress. If everything is satisfactory, your treatment at the clinic ends. If any additional outside services are needed, our staff at the clinic will assist you in making the necessary referrals.

We look forward to seeing you at your scheduled appointment.

IN ORDER TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT YOU BETTER, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE CAREFULLY AND ACCURATELY PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT.



NEW PATIENT HEALTH HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

The information you provide in this packet is vital and will assist the doctor during the review of your symptoms. Please respond to all questions. Questions contained within are confidential and will become a part of your healthcare record. Some questions are intended for governmental/statistical purposes only.

Date:					
PATIENT INFORMATION					
Name:			s	ex: F	M 🔾
Last	First		Middle Initial		_
Home Address		City	State		Zip Code
Date of Birth	Height	Weight	Neck Size	Email	Address
Marital Status: Married (Single O Sep	arated 🔘 🏻 [Divorced Wido	wed 🔘 #	of Children
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic (Hispanic/Lati	no 🔘			
Race: White Black Native Hawaiian/Pacific	. •			_	•
Language: English O Span	ish (Frencl	h 🔘 Arabio	Chinese 🔾	Sign Lan	guage 🔘
Education: None Grade College Post G			plete High Scl raining Other	-	•
Employment: Full Time O Student O F	•	Retired 🔾	Disabled O Une	employed () Military ()
Patient Occupation:		Business I	Name:		
Business Phone #:		Address:			
PATIENT TELEPHONE NUM	BERS				
Primary Number:		Home	○ Work ○ Mo	obile 🔘 🤇	Other (
Alternate Number:					
Alternate Number:			ne 🔾 Work 🔾 🗆	_	_
Mobile Carrier (for texting): A	T&T Sprin	nt 🔘 Verizor	Other 🔾		

CONTACT & DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Please provide contact name in case of an Emergency:

				YES \cap NO
Name of Individual	Relationship to Pat	ient Prir	mary Phone #	Leave a Message
Name of individuals to wh	om information about y	ou may be disclos	ed:	
1				YES \(\) NO
Name of Individual	Relationship to Pat	ient Prir	mary Phone #	Leave a Message
2				YES ONO
Name of Individual	Relationship to Pat	ient Prir	mary Phone #	Leave a Message
If patient is a minor, pleas patient for treatment:		_	responsible f	or bringing the
<u> </u>	rent/Guardian Name	Relationship to	Patient	Primary Phone #
Street Addr	ess	City	State	Zip
TREATMENT FINANCIAL	RESPONSIBILITY			
Person responsible for pay	ment of this account: Se	If Other Indi	vidual 🔵 - Plea	ase Complete Below:
Responsible Individual's N	ame Relati	onship to Patient		Date of Birth
Home Address (If different	than patient's)	City	State	Zip
Primary Phone #	Alternate Phone #	# May w	e leave a mess	age? Yes No No
PRIMARY / MEDICAL IN	FORMATION			
Primary Insurance Compar	ny Subscriber ID	Group #	Insurance	e Company Phone #
Subscriber's Last Name	First Name	Relationship	to Patient	Date of Birth
HEALTHCARE PROVIDER	RINFORMATION			
Name of referring provide	r:	P	hone #:	
Family Physician:				
Dentist:				
Other Provider:				
Pharmacy Name:				
Do you authorize us to ser			lo ()	
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ALLERGIES							
*Please indicat	te any l	known allerg	ies & select se	everity of th	e reaction		
□ Aspirin	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Reaction:			
□ Codeine	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ lodine	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ Latex	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ Melatonin	Mild	Moderate	Severe		:		
□ Metal	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ Peanut	Mild	Moderate	Severe		·		
□ Penicillin	Mild	Moderate	Severe		·		
□ Plastic	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ Sedatives	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Reaction:			
☐ Sleeping Pills	Mild	Moderate	Severe				
□ Please list ar	ny othe	r known alle	rgies				
		Mild	d Moderate	Severe	Reaction:		
		Mild	d Moderate	Severe	Reaction:		
		Mild	d Moderate	Severe	Reaction:		
□ No known al	lorgios						
□ No known al	ieigies						
EARAH VILICE	ODV						
FAMILY HIST	_						
*When selecti	ng a co	ndition, piea	se indicate fai	mily relation	isnip to you.		
☐ Bleeding dise	order						
☐ Blood clotting	ng disor	der				_	
□ Cancer						_	
□ Cardiac disor	rder					_	
□ Diabetes						_	
□ Heart diseas	e					_	
□ High blood p	ressure	2				_	
□ Obesity						_	
□ Obstructive :	sleep a	pnea				_	
□ Sleep disord	er					_	
□ Snoring						_	
□ Stroke						_	
☐ Thyroid diso	rder					_	
□ Temporoma	ndibula	r disorders				_	

HABITS								
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*Please check applica	able area(s) be	elow:						
Tobacco Use	None □ R	arely 🗆	Moderate □	Dail	ly □			
Alcoholic Beverages	None □ R	arely 🗆	Moderate □	Dail	ly □			
Recreational Drugs	None □ R	arely 🗆	Moderate □	Dail	ly □			
Caffeine Use	None □ Lo	ess than 3	cups/day □	3-6	cups/day □	More th	an 6 cups/da	эу □
Exercise	None □ R	arely 🗆	Moderate □	Reg	gular 🗆			
Eating Habits	Well □ Re	gular 🗆	Poor □					
Smoking Status	Current	Former 🗆]					
MEDICAL HISTORY								
*Please check applica	able condition	(s) you ha	ve or have had	in the	e past:			
Aids	□ Current	□ Past			Kidney Diseas	e	□ Current	□ Past
Anemia	□ Current	□ Past			Liver Disease		□ Current	□ Past
Asthma	□ Current	□ Past			Mental Illness		□ Current	□ Past
High Blood Pressure	□ Current	□ Past			Migraine Head		□ Current	□ Past
Low Blood Pressure	□ Current	□ Past			Muscular Dyst		□ Current	□ Past
Cancer	□ Current	□ Past			Narcolepsy	,	□ Current	□ Past
Degenerative Arthriti	s Current	□ Past			Osteoporosis		□ Current	□ Past
Diabetes	□ Current	□ Past			Pneumonia		□ Current	□ Past
Emphysema	□ Current	□ Past			Prostate Prob	lems	□ Current	□ Past
COPD	□ Current	□ Past			Psychiatric Dis		□ Current	□ Past
Epilepsy/Seizures	□ Current	□ Past			Restless Leg S		□ Current	□ Past
Gallbladder Disease	□ Current	□ Past			Rheumatoid A	•	□ Current	□ Past
Glaucoma	□ Current	□ Past			Sinus Problem		□ Current	□ Past
Headaches (Frequent	t) 🗆 Current	□ Past			Sleep Apnea		□ Current	□ Past
Heart Disease	□ Current	□ Past			Sleep Walking		□ Current	□ Past
Hepatitis Type A	□ Current	□ Past			Stroke	'	□ Current	□ Past
Hepatitis Type B	□ Current	□ Past			Thyroid Diseas	se	□ Current	
Hepatitis Type C	□ Current	□ Past			, Tuberculosis		□ Current	□ Past
HIV Positive	□ Current	□ Past						
Insomnia	□ Current	□ Past						
SOCIAL HISTORY								
□ Family stress				п Е м	alouad O	cupatic :		
☐ Financial distress				□ Emp	-	cupation	:	
□ Single □ Marrie	d 🗆 Divorce	ed 🗆 W	/idowed		mployed			
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				Diet	☐ Healthy	□ Normal	□ Restrict	eu

Do you live alone? ☐ Yes ☐ No

□ Adenoidectomy □ Appendectomy □ Cholecystectomy □ Coronary Artery Bypass Graft □ Hernia Repair □ Jaw Joint □ Orthognathic □ Prior Orthodontic Treatment CURRENT MEDICATIONS	□ Spinal Surg □ Temporom □ Tonsillecto □ Uvulopalat □ Additional □	gery, Cervical gery, Lumbar nandibular Joint	
* If you have a list, a paper copy wo	Dosage/Frequency	Reason	

PATIENT CHIEF COMPLAINT

AREA OF PAIN	LOCATION	SEVERITY	DURATION	FREQUENCY
Frontal Head Pain	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	☐ Occasional ☐ Frequent
(Forehead Area)	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Parietal	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	□ Occasional □ Frequent
(Top of Head)	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Occipital	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	□ Occasional □ Frequent
(Back of Head)	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Temporal	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	□ Occasional □ Frequent
(Temples)	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Ear Pain	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	□ Occasional □ Frequent
	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Facial Pain	☐ Right ☐ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	☐ Occasional ☐ Frequent ☐ □ Frequent
	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant
Jaw Pain	□ Right □ Left	☐ Mild ☐ Moderate	☐ Minutes ☐ Hours	☐ Occasional ☐ Frequent
	□ Both	□ Severe	□ Days	□ Constant

JAW JOINT SYMPTOMS				
Jaw locks closed	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Jaw locks open	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Jaw joint sounds when opening	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Jaw joint sounds when chewing	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Jaw joint sounds while at rest	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Do you experience any associate	d sympton	ns? □ Yes	□ No	
OTHER RELATED SYMPTOMS				
Limited neck movement	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Neck pain	□ Right	□ Left	$ \square \; Both$	
Ear buzzing	□ Right	□ Left	$ \square \; Both$	
Ear congestion	□ Right	□ Left	$ \square \; Both$	
Hearing loss	□ Right	□ Left	$ \square \; Both$	
Ear stuffiness/itchiness	□ Right	□ Left	□ Both	
Are your symptoms injury related		s □ No s, please ex	kplain:	
Have you had an accident at wor				
How often do you fall asleep whi	le driving?	□ Never	□ Rarely	☐ 1-2 times per month
		□ More tha	an 2 time	es per month
On average, how long does it tak	e you to fa	ıll asleep at	night?_	
Approximately, how many hours	do you sp	end in bed?		_ How many hours do you sleep?
Have your muscles every felt par	alyzed upo	n waking?	□ Yes (I	f yes, how often?) 🗆 No
How often do sleep problems int	erfere witl	h functionir	ng? □ A	lways □ Often □ Rarely □ Never
SLEEP HISTORY				
Have you previously been diagno	sed or trea	ated for a s	leep diso	rder condition? Yes No
Have you ever had a sleep study	? □ Yes □	□ No		
Snoring present ☐ Yes ☐ No				
Difficulty falling asleep at night			□ Yes	□No
Difficulty staying asleep at night			□ Yes	□ No
Unusual behavior during sleep			□ Yes	□ No
Tired/sleepy during the day			□ Yes	□ No
Gasping/choking/pauses in breat	hing while	asleep	□ Yes	□ No
Wakes with headache			□ Yes	□ No
Have you had other therapies for	r breathing	disorders?	¹ □ Yes	□ No
Intolerant of CPAP machine			□ Yes	□ No

CPAP INTOLERANC	E					
*If you have attempt	ed treatment wi	th a CPAP devi	ce, but cou	ld not tolerate	e it, list reasons	below:
 □ Latex allergy □ Unconscious need to remove CPAP at night □ Claustrophobic association □ CPAP does not seem to be effective □ CPAP restricted movements during sleep □ Discomfort caused by the straps/headgear 			□ Unable □ Mask le □ Noise feessu	e to get the meaks from device dere on the upp	sed by presence ask to fit prope isturbing my / p er lip causing to	rly partner's sleep poth issues
EPWORTH SLEEPIN	IESS SCALE					
*Indicate below how	likely you are to	doze off (or fa	all asleep) ir	the following	g situations.	
SI	ITUATION		NEVER	SLIGHT CHANCE	MODERATE CHANCE	HIGH CHANCE
As a passenger in a ca	0	1	2	3		
In a car while stopped for a few minutes in traffic			0	1	2	3
Lying down to rest in the afternoon			0	1	2	3
Sitting and reading			0	1	2	3
Sitting and talking			0	1	2	3
Sitting inactive in a p	ublic place		0	1	2	3
tting quietly after lu	unch with no alco	ohol	0	1	2	3
Watching television			0	1	2	3
					Total:	<u> </u>
REVIEW OF SYSTEM *Check applicable co		the last 6 mor	nths and inc	licate control	led/uncontrolle	ed & severity.
GENERAL						
Good Health Lately	□ Yes □ No					
Fatigue	□ Yes □ No	□ Controlle				te 🗆 Severe
Fever	□ Yes □ No	□ Controlle			⁄Iild □ Modera	te 🗆 Severe
Injury to the face	□ Right side	□ Left side	□ Both s			
Injury to the neck	☐ Right side	□ Left side	□ Both s			
Injury to the mouth Injury to the teeth	□ Right side□ Right side	□ Left side□ Left side	□ Both : □ Both :			

□ Controlled □ Uncontrolled

□ Uncontrolled

☐ Both sides

□ Controlled

□ Left side

□Mild □ Moderate □ Severe

□Mild □ Moderate □ Severe

□Mild □ Moderate □ Severe
□Mild □ Moderate □ Severe

Loss of sleep

Whiplash Injuries

Eye disease

□ Yes □ No

 \square Yes \square No

□ Right side

Unexplained weight gain □ Yes □ No □ Controlled □ Uncontrolled

Unexplained weight loss □ Yes □ No □ Controlled □ Uncontrolled

Radiation treatment ☐ Yes ☐ No

Eye injury	□ Right	t side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Eye twitching	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Bot	h sides			
EAR/NOSE/MOUTH/	THROAT	-						
Bleeding gums	□ Yes	□ No	☐ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Burning mouth	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Difficulty swallowing	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Dry mouth	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Ear drainage	□ Right	t side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Ear pain	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Botl	h sides			
Loss of hearing	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Botl	h sides			
Nose bleeds	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Botl	h sides			
Ringing in ear(s)	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Botl	h sides			
Sinus problems	□ Yes	□ No	\Box Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	$\square Mild$	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Sore throat	□ Yes	□ No	\square Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	$\square \textbf{Mild}$	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Swollen glands	□ Yes	□ No	$ \ \Box \ \text{Controlled}$	□ Unco	ntrolled	$\square Mild$	$ \square \ \text{Moderate}$	□ Severe
RESPIRATORY								
Shortness of breath	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Chest pain	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
Frequent cough	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
CARDIOVASCULAR								
	□ Voc	□ No	□ Controlled	- Unco	ntrallad	□Mild	□ Moderate	- Covere
	□ Yes	_	□ Controlled			_		
Low blood pressure	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
Heart problems	□ Yes	□ No				□Mild	□ Moderate	
Irregular heart beat	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled□ Controlled			□Mild □Mild	☐ Moderate☐ Moderate	
Swelling of feet/hand	15 L 165	□ No	□ Controlled		iitiolled	⊔IVIIIU	□ Moderate	□ Severe
GASTROINTESTINAL								
Excessive thirst	□ Yes	□ No	☐ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
Loss of appetite	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
Nausea	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled			□Mild	□ Moderate	
Peptic ulcer	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Stomach pain	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Vomiting	□ Yes	□ No	□ Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	□Mild	□ Moderate	□ Severe
MUSCULOSKELETAL								
Back pain	□ Yes	□ No	\Box Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	$\square Mild$	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Facial muscle pain	□ Yes	□ No	\square Controlled	□ Unco	ntrolled	$\square Mild$	□ Moderate	□ Severe
Jaw joint pain	□ Right	t side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Jaw joint stiffness	□ Righ	t side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Jaw joint swelling	□ Right	side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Neck pain	□ Right	t side	□ Left side	□ Both	n sides			
Weakness of face mu	scles	□ Right si	de 🗆 Left	side	☐ Both sid	les		
Weakness of jaw join	ts	☐ Right si	ide 🗆 Lef	t side	□ Both sid	les		

Confusion	
Facial numbness	
Chronic headaches	
Recurring headaches	
Lightheadedness	
Dizziness Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Numbness Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Paralysis Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Seizures Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Tingling sensations Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Tremors Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe	
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Paralysis Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Seizures Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Tingling sensations Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe Tremors Yes No Controlled Uncontrolled Mild Moderate Severe	
Seizures	
Tingling sensations	
Tremors	
Memory Loss □ Yes □ No □ Controlled □ Uncontrolled □ Mild □ Moderate □ Severe	
ENDOCRINE	
Hormone problems	
Thyroid disease	
PSYCHIATRIC	
Depression	
Forgetfulness	
Nervousness	
Anxiety	
PTSD	
I, the patient attest to the best of my knowledge, all the above information is correct. I understand that I m provide at least a 24 business-hour cancelation notice. Otherwise, I will be charged a \$50 cancelation fee.	
understand that I am responsible for all charges incurred for my treatment or my child's treatment regardles	s of
insurance coverage. As a courtesy, my appropriate insurance carrier may be billed for the rendered service	s. I
hereby authorize the release of pertinent health information to the insurance company, or for legal document	ation
and/or to process claims. I hereby authorize my insurance benefits to be paid directly to Dr. Douglas Smith	١,
otherwise payable to me, realizing that I am responsible to pay for my treatment, and for the non-covered ser	vices.
I understand that I am responsible for charges/lab fees incurred for the appliance/mouth piece should I fail	to
present for the appliance insertion appointment. Charges not paid within 45 days will have a service/handing of	harge
of \$10 per month added to the past due balance on each monthly statement thereafter. If payment is no	t
submitted, I, the undersigned also agree to pay any reasonable attorney fees and costs which are incurred by	Doug
Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC in collecting payment for services rendered.	
I authorize the release of a full report of my records compromising of examination findings, diagnosis, imagi	ng,
treatment program, progress notes, etc., to my referring/treating or mutual providers. Copies of my records	or x-
rays may be released to me or to another party authorized by me upon my timely request and payment o	f
appropriate fees.	

Date

Patient/Parent/Guardian Signature

INFORM CONSENT FORM FOR THE TREATMENT OF TMJ AND OROFACIAL PAIN

With any medical or dental treatment, the success depends to a large extent in the degree of cooperation of the patient in following the prescribed treatment plan and keeping strategically scheduled appointments. Failure to comply with instructions and cancellations could delay the treatment time and seriously affect the success of the treatment.

Imaging is an important part of the diagnostic procedure and record keeping. Therefore, obtaining or taking the necessary images prior to treatment and during treatment may be indicated.

Your treatment may involve the fabrication and maintenance of various appliances that may cover either the upper or lower teeth. In addition, supplementary care may include various physical therapy modalities (at the office or by a physical therapist), trigger point injections, exercises, LLLT laser, and various medications.

Adjunctive care by other practitioners may be indicated. Since stress is commonly a contributing factor, stress management may also be indicated.

The purpose of this treatment is to relax various groups of muscles, to restore normal function as best as possible, and to provide a degree of pain relief. The treatment itself initially may include some discomfort. Not treating these conditions may cause perpetuation of symptoms with concomitant degenerative joint changes, alteration of tooth and muscle physiology and continued discomfort.

It is difficult to give guarantees or assurances of any sort as to the results that may be obtained. Although most conditions respond well to treatment, general health, stress, degree of tissue injury, posture, age, and work habits can affect the outcome and total resolution may not always be possible. Length of treatment may vary according to the complexity of your condition. If there is not an adequate initial response, further medical diagnostics may be requested. These fees will be in addition to those incurred at this office.

As with any medical and dental treatment, unusual occurrences can and do happen. These possibilities can include minor tooth movement, loosened teeth or dental restorations, sore mouth, periodontal problems, muscle spasms, ear pain, and neck pain. For example, already loose fillings or crowns maybe loosened further while taking an impression during the course of treatment.

In the event the administration of anesthetics such as injections are used, you should be aware that there may be side effects such as prolonged numbness of the area, nerve and tissue damage, hematomas, and discomfort following the procedures.

There may be certain shifts in the position of your teeth or the relationship of one jaw to another. Depending on the nature of your original problem, these alterations of tooth or jaw position may not be reversible. Thus, additional care may be necessary, for example bite adjustment, braces, bridgework, etc.

Although any of the above mentioned complications may theoretically occur, they are rare and management of these issues will be explained as necessary at the time. In the above mentioned situations, additional dentistry may have to be performed by your dentist at your expense. Dr. Smith has explained to me the nature, purpose, benefits, risks, and alternatives to treatment.

Long term wearing of splints without professional guidance can be a detrimental situation. As long as the splint is being used, observation by our office is mandatory. The fees for these dental devices are for the impressions, bite registration and outside laboratory fabrication. Thereafter, there is a charge for each office visit.

GOOD COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS OR RESERVATIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING YOUR PROBLEMS FOR TREATMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE TREATMENT BEGINS.

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I have read the above information and understand the course of treatment as proposed. I realize that risks an limitations are involved. I do consent to treatment by Dr. Smith. Please sign and date below:								
PATIENT/GUARDIAN	DATE							



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Douglas E. Smith, DDS, D.ABDSM, D.ACSDD smithdentalspecialties@gmail.com **Limited to the practice of Dental Sleep Medicine & Orthodontics**FINANCIAL POLICY

We participate with many insurance plans but not all. We must make it the responsibility of the member/subscriber to understand their coverage and to contact their carrier directly to verify whether their plan covers the services our practice provides.

We bill with our tax name (Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC) and Dr. Douglas Smith. Some carriers acknowledge Douglas E Smith, DDS as a participating provider but may not recognize the facility as a provider of service for the treatment you have consented to. In the event that your claim is denied for this reason, you will receive a statement in the mail for the amount due to this facility.

As a courtesy, we will file a claim on your behalf. It is the policy of Smith Dental Specialties to wait up to 60 days for a response from your carrier. In the event we have not received a response from your carrier within that 60 days, we will refer the balance not paid by the insurance carrier, including any non-covered services and balances applied to your annual deductible, to the attention of the patient/responsible party.

Co-pays, deductibles, and co-insurance payments are due and payable at each visit prior to services being performed. You will also be asked to make a payment if your account has an outstanding balance. If you are unable to pay towards your balance or do not have your co-pay amount, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment.

Patient's Initials:

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY

When you receive a statement from Smith Dental Specialties, you are required to pay the balance upon receipt of the statement. If you do not agree with the balance due amount, you are responsible for calling the phone number on the statement for an explanation of the balance and determining a payment plan, if necessary.

We reserve the right to charge the patient for missed appointments or when cancellations occur with less than 24 hours notice. A statement will be sent to the patient's mailing address and payment is expected upon receipt.

If you do not have insurance coverage, payment in full is expected at the time of service or payment arrangements may be made while you are at our office.

Patient's Initials:

I hereby agree that if my bill has to be turned over to a third-party collection agency for non-payment, that there will be a collection fee added to my bill of 30%.

Responsible Party/Guarantor's Signature

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS, ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS TO PURSUE ERISA AND OTHER LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS ASSOCIATED WITH MY HEALTH INSURANCE AND /OR HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN (INCLUDING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY) AND DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby assign and/or convey directly to Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC, as my designated authorized representative, all medical benefits and/or insurance reimbursement, if any, otherwise payable to me for services, treatments, therapies, and/or medications rendered or provided by Dr. Smith for today's treatment/services and future treatment/services, regardless of its managed care network participation status. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges regardless of any applicable insurance or benefit payments. I hereby authorize Dr. Smith to release all medical information necessary to process my claims. Further, I hereby authorize my plan administrator, fiduciary, insurer, and/or attorney to release to the above-named health care provider any and all Plan documents, summary benefit description, insurance policy, and/or settlement information upon written request from Dr. Smith or its attorneys in order to claim such medical benefits.

In addition to the assignment of the medical benefits and/or insurance reimbursement above, I also assign and/or convey to Dr. Smith any legal or administrative claim or cause of action arising under any group health plan, employee benefits plan, health insurance or tort feasor insurance concerning medical expenses incurred as a result of the medical services, treatments, therapies, and/or medications I receive from Dr. Smith (including any right to pursue those legal or administrative claims or chose an action). This constitutes an express and knowing assignment of ERISA breach or fiduciary duty claims and other legal and/or administrative claims

I intend by this assignment and designation of authorized representative to convey to Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC all of my rights to claim (or place a lien on) the medical benefits related to the services, treatments, therapies, and/or mediations provided by Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC, including rights to any settlement, insurance or applicable legal or administrative remedies (including damages arising from ERISA breach of fiduciary duty claims). The assignee and/or designated representative (Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC) is given the right by me to (1) obtain information regarding the claim to the same extent as me; (2) submit evidence; (3) make statements about facts or law; (4) make any request including providing or receiving notice of appeal proceedings; (5) participate in any administrative and judicial actions and pursue claims or chose in action or right against any liable party, insurance company, employee benefit plan, health care benefit plan, or plan administrator. Doug Smith DDS Orthodontics LLC as my assignee and my designated authorized representative may bring suit against any such health care benefit plan, employee benefit plan, plan administrator or insurance company in my name with derivative standing at provider's expense.

Unless revoked, this assignment is valid for all administrative and judicial reviews under PPACA (health care reform legislation), ERISA, Medicare and applicable federal and state laws. A photocopy of this assignment is to be considered valid, the same as if it was the original.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT

Patient Signature	Date	