

**Welcome to Wynkoop Dental!** On behalf of Dr. Erin Cherry and myself, Dr. Chelsea Stangl we would like to thank you for choosing our office for your dental care needs. This letter is to let you know a little more about our office and what to expect at your first appointment.

Wynkoop Dental is the FIRST Certified Green Dental Practice by the city of Denver, something we are very proud of. At Wynkoop Dental you will notice small and large things that we do, from paperless charts to cloth bibs and barriers, which minimize our waste and still provide a safe and clean environment for our patients. Ask us about it!

Dr. Chelsea Stangl started Wynkoop Dental in 2011 and has enjoyed watching the practice grow quickly from a dream to a reality. Dr. Erin Cherry joined the practice in mid 2012 and has rapidly become an integral part of the team. Together, they strive to deliver excellent care in a kind, conservative way with a prevention driven philosophy. Please visit our website at [www.denverwynkoopdentist.com](http://www.denverwynkoopdentist.com) to learn more about our staff.

### **What to expect at your first “New Patient Appointment”**

Your first appointment will last about an **hour and a half**. It will include the following:

**XRAYs:** Taking a full series of xrays (something we do every 5 years), which look for not only cavities but check the integrity of existing dental work, allow us the ability to check the health of your bone and gums, as well as look for potential pathology. **If you have had a set of these xrays in the last 5 years and you are able to get them from your previous dentist prior to your first appointment we are happy to use those and only update necessary xrays.** We check ahead of time to see what will be covered by your insurance as well.

**Exam:** This will be completed either by the dentist or a combination of the dentist and dental hygienist. We will go through your medical and dental history, check your head, neck, TMJ, existing dental work and teeth as well as your gum and bone health. We will clearly let you know what we see and what, if anything, we propose to get you to optimal oral health. That’s our goal!

**Cleaning:** If it is determined you have healthy gums and bone then we go ahead and do a thorough adult cleaning. However, if we find signs of disease or instability we will make a recommendation based on our findings. Oftentimes, we are still able to complete the necessary treatment within the allotted time frame. Potential additional costs, insurance copays or additional appointments will be discussed prior to commencing any work so there are no surprises for anyone.

**Parking:** Being a downtown business, parking can be tough. The cheapest and easiest is metered street parking. Please put in 2 hours worth for your first visit so we don’t have any parking ticket scares. If you are having trouble, please call the office and we are happy to offer other suggestions. We are also conveniently located near the Free Mall Ride and Union Station Light Rail.

We do our best to be accommodating and efficient. **If you get the chance to fill out and sign the attached documents, feel free to email them back to us ahead of time.** We know you are busy and we respect your time but we ask you to do the same with ours. Please arrive on time for your appointment and if there is a conflict and you need to reschedule, please allow us 48 business hours advance notice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we look forward to meeting you soon!