



The Importance of a Thorough Comprehensive Exam

A comprehensive oral/occlusal examination is a very important and more thorough exam than the cursory check-up you receive at your re-care visit.

Dr. Fleming is one of a small percentage of dentists who have invested in post-graduate training at the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education and from that training she has learned that in order to reach a complete understanding of your present state of health, she must gather data about your chewing muscles, jaw joints, and how your teeth come together against each other. This is accomplished through detailed study models and bite records. Evaluating the health of your gums and other soft tissues of your mouth is also part of the process. Dr. Fleming will look for signs of disease, oral cancer and wear on your teeth during this part of the exam. A complete assessment of the health of each individual tooth, as well as the condition of any existing restorations (such as fillings, crowns, and bonding) is an integral part of the process. Digital photographs will help in this evaluation too. If you have expressed concern about the way your teeth look, you will have the opportunity to tour your mouth with Dr. Fleming and discuss each point of concern. You will be a collaborative member of your oral health team!

After your examination, Dr. Fleming will take time to study all of the gathered information and form a complete plan that addresses your concerns and any uncovered health problems. Dr. Fleming invests substantial time in this phase of the process, applying extensive knowledge and advanced technical training to best understand your oral condition. You will be invited to schedule a subsequent appointment to discuss the findings and how to best proceed with treatment that meets your goals and objectives. The comprehensive examination is an integral part of adequately diagnosing so that appropriate treatment can be provided to insure a healthy and beautiful smile for a lifetime.

We invite you to call for an appointment today!