

YOUR REFERRAL TO A DENTAL SPECIALTY OFFICE

This dental office works closely with many of the area's finest dental specialists. The specialist may need to consult with your dentist and examine you first, before an appointment to actually treat your problem can be scheduled. This is usually necessary so that the specialist can evaluate the complexity of the problem, verify the diagnosis, plan the amount of time required to treat you, and evaluate any infections or medical conditions you have that might complicate your treatment.

If you were given a prescription by your general dentist for your specialty appointment, do not start the prescription until 3 days before the actual treatment by the specialist. You will not need to start the prescription for the initial examination appointment with the specialist unless you have facial swelling or you were specifically told to do so. Once the prescription is started, stay exactly on schedule with the doses and finish all of the prescription even after the procedure is completed.

Please bring all of the information that your general dentist gave you to the specialty office including:

- 1. Any x-ray images**
- 2. The referral slip document which includes the reason you were referred**
- 3. Any letters or prescriptions you were given**

You will also need to bring:

- 1. Your dental insurance information**
- 2. A photo ID card**
- 3. A current list of all medications, vitamins, and supplements**
- 4. A summary of your health conditions**

It is also a good idea to call the specialty office one day prior to your appointment to verify your appointment time.