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## INCOMING TRANSFER INFORMATION

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This form is usually sent before the incoming transfer patient's first visit because we feel you need to know the following information before deciding to make an appointment.

The fee for finishing treatment here may be different from what it would cost you to finish the work at your original orthodontic office, since fees vary from one office to the next. Your financial dealings with your original orthodontic office are separate from your financial dealings with our office.

Since you may not get treatment back underway before you need an emergency visit, you should know that our minimum office visit fee (after the \$30 exam) is \$75 for a short visit (5 to 15 minutes) and \$120 for a longer visit.

If Dr. Lang needs to see records from your current orthodontist, he will request them after the exam visit. There may be a charge to you from that office for duplicating your records and sending them to us.

The first thing we do is schedule an exam visit. The fee is \$30. We need to determine exactly where you are in your treatment, establish a plan for completion and assign a fee for that portion of treatment which Dr. Lang will be doing. Dr. Lang will not be making any appliance adjustments until that plan is complete. All fees listed below are to be paid in advance, regardless of insurance.

Next, unless you have just had a full set of diagnostic records taken, you will need to have that done here. The reason is that orthodontists keep much of the details of treatment in their heads, rather than taking x-rays, etc. every few months. Dr. Lang will not have this "feel" for your treatment progress and will need to look at fresh diagnostic records. Our fee for the diagnostic survey is \$300. Paid in advance.

If everything goes smoothly, within a few weeks of the diagnostic records visit, Dr. Lang, will present to you a plan for continuing treatment, a fee for that plan, as well as the usual paperwork associated with beginning treatment here.

If you are wearing braces and we continue your treatment, we will remove your braces and replace them with the ones we use. There is no extra charge for doing this, it will be part of the fee for continuing treatment here. When the braces come off, retainers will go in and you will need to get a dental check-up at a regular dental office. Braces will not be put back on until after any needed work is complete.

Because of treatment technique differences from one orthodontist to another, we are not always able to continue the same treatment plan you have been on. In that case, there are several alternatives: 1. Change your plan to what Dr. Lang recommends and continue here; 2. Transfer to another orthodontist in this area; 3. Go back to your original orthodontist; have your braces removed and your treatment stopped; 4. Have Dr. Lang remove your braces and stop treatment. The fee for doing that is \$750. This fee is to be paid in advance. This procedure will not be scheduled until after you have had your first exam visit here.