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We appreciate the confidence you've expressed by entrusting us with the important responsibility of resolving your requirements for orthodontic treatment. We will make every effort to assure a pleasing treatment result and while utilizing auxiliary staff, we are committed to personally direct treatment procedures.

We are taking this opportunity to inform you of a number of principles that are of extreme importance during orthodontic treatment. Please read the following before signing this form.

1. **Cooperation demands top priority.** The treatment results we both look forward to are impossible to attain without patient cooperation. Without your help with cooperation, treatment will take longer to complete, not obtain desired results, and prove a frustrating experience for all concerned. In fact, cooperation is of such importance that we do reserve the right to discontinue treatment and/or institute additional charges should a lack of cooperation or indifferent attitude warrant it.
2. Tooth movement is achieved through long acting gentle forces. In order to keep treatment time to a minimum it is essential that **appointments be kept promptly.** This will assure adequate time to assemble and/or activate the various force systems required.
3. **Excellence in oral hygiene must be maintained** with particular attention to consistency and thoroughness.
4. Orthodontic appliances are by nature subject breakage and loss. **Utmost care is essential in their storage, maintenance and use.** Replacement may incur additional charges.
5. **Dental Care**-during orthodontic treatment, your general dental care remains your responsibility and that of your general dentist. Please see your dentist at least two times per year for check ups and recommended cleanings.
6. Active orthodontic treatment is **completed when the braces are removed and retainers are placed.** We will check and monitor your retainers for two years at no additional fee.

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Parent or Patient Signature

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Date