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To Our Patients:

Thank you for your interest in your dental health and the appointment you have scheduled. We appreciate the confidence you have placed in us. Because we take great pride in providing our patients with the highest in quality dental care. We have created this medical and CDC disclosure.

In an effort to ensure your experience and dental care are nothing short of the best that can be offered. We need to know if you have or have ever been treated for the following conditions. The conditions as listed would require you to take a preventative antibiotic prior to your dental visit. Knowing of these conditions in advance, we can ensure that you have reminders and the medication needed to pre-medicate.

1. Artificial Heart Valves.
2. A history of Infective Endocarditis.
3. Certain specific, serious congenital (present at birth) heart conditions, including:
 - > unrepaired or incompletely repaired cyanotic congenital heart disease, including those with palliative shunts and conduits.
 - > a completely repaired congenital heart defect with prosthetic material or device, whether placed by surgery or by catheter intervention, during the first six months after the procedure.
 - > any repaired congenital heart defect with residual defect at the site or adjacent to the site of a prosthetic patch or a prosthetic device.
 - > a cardiac transplant that develops a problem in a heart valve.

These recommendations are through the American Heart Association and were updated as of October 2007. These updates were taken and written exactly as they were presented on the ADA website located at www.ada.org.

The old guidelines stated that the following conditions would be cause for a patient to pre-medicate:

- > Mitral valve prolapse
- > Rheumatic heart disease
- > Bicuspid valve disease
- > Calcified aortic stenosis

*** However, scientists have found no compelling evidence that taking antibiotics prior to a dental procedure when the patient has the conditions listed, underlined above, will help to prevent IE in those patients who are at risk of developing a heart infection.***

We also want to take this opportunity to reassure you that nothing is more important than the cleanliness of our office. We observe controls as required by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) insuring that all dental instruments are completely disinfected and sterilized before each use. We use a steam autoclave machine in order to sterilize all instruments and comply with infection control. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have in conjunction with our strilization and infection control procedures.

Date: _____ Signed: _____