



The Old Malt House Dental Practice

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WELCOME TO OUR PRACTICE

May we extend a warm welcome to our practice.

We take great pride in the quality of our dentistry and want to make your visits a pleasant experience. Our aim is good dental health for you and your family through preventive dentistry. That means giving you regular dental advice and helping you to understand how to care for yourself to reduce the need of treatment.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

This a routine examination of the mouth to assess your treatment needs. It is undertaken by the Dentist and periodontal (gum) chartings are recorded by the Hygienist in order to gain a comprehensive picture of your needs. It is recommended that you should have a check up every 6 months.

First Clinical Examination	£ 32.40
On a new patient to the practice	
Regular Clinical Examination	£ 24.20
Recommended every 6 months	
Consultation Charge	£ 22.50

It may be necessary for the dentist to take some x-rays to detect problems which cannot be seen with the eye.

Small X-Ray	£ 9.60
Panoral (Large) X-Ray	£ 31.00

The Hygienist also checks the gums for gum disease. She measures how deep the crevice is between the tooth and the gum using a ball-ended probe and a record of this is then kept and assessed each year.

The teeth are then assessed and the final part of the check up is to have a good look around the whole of your mouth. The dentist looks at the lips, cheeks, tongue and the roof of the mouth checking for any lumps, bumps, ulcers, swellings, red or white patches that could be a sign of some under-lying problem.

The check up is then over, and the dentist will tell you whether you need any further treatment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clinical Photograph	£ 6.70
Study Models	£ 29.10

THE ROLE OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST AND ORAL HEALTH EDUCATORS

If plaque remains on the teeth for any length of time, it hardens into calculus (tartar) which cannot be removed with a toothbrush. Scaling and polishing involves removing the calculus and bacteria from the pockets using a vibrating scaling tip with a jet of water. The tooth surfaces are then polished to remove any staining. The Hygienist does all the Scaling and Polishing and our Oral Health Educators can spend time helping you to understand how you can maintain healthy gums and reduce your need for future treatment.

PREVENTION AND GUM HEALTH

Treatment of gum disease (1)	£ 39.00
Treatment of gum disease (2)	£ 77.10
Prolonged Gum Treatment	£ 135.00
Dentomycin Treatment	£ 77.70

FILLINGS

Decayed teeth can usually be repaired with a simple filling.

The dentist removes all of the decay from the tooth using a high speed drill and then places a new filling into the prepared cavity.

The most common filling material used is AMALGAM. It is made up of an alloy which contains silver, tin, copper and zinc. The alloy is mixed with a quantity of mercury to produce amalgam. It is mainly used to repair the back teeth because it is strong enough to withstand the pressure of chewing.

Composite (**white**) fillings can be used to repair the front teeth. They are available in different shades so that it can be matched up with the patients teeth.

One surface Amalgam Restoration	£ 34.30
Two surface Amalgam Restoration	£ 50.00
Three surface Amalgam Restoration	£ 58.80

One surface Composite Restoration	£ 40.60
Additional Incisal Angle	£ 13.00
Two Separate Composite Restorations	£ 59.80
Glass Ionomer Restoration	£ 40.60

WHITE FILLINGS ON BACK TEETH

An alternative to amalgam is to use composite (**TOOTH COLOURED**) material. This gives a very strong filling, matched to the colour of your tooth. It is only advisable to use it on small fillings and they take longer to do then the amalgam equivalent.

One surface Composite	£ 57.50
Two surface Composite	£ 71.00
Three surface Composite	£ 96.00

TOOTH WHITENING

Your smile can be improved cosmetically in many ways, we offer tooth whitening as one such option, if this interests you, please discuss this with any of the staff members.

ROOT FILLING

Root canal therapy is the treatment of a tooth which has an abscess or has had some type of trauma. Two visits are normally necessary. On the first visit the dentist places a small metal 'file' into the centre of the tooth and an xray is taken. Using the xray he can then accurately calculate the length of the roots.

On the second visit the root canals are cleaned right down to the end. A filling material is then placed into the root canals and sealed with dental cement. A final x-ray is then taken.

Incisors / Canines Root Canal Therapy	£ 180.00
Lower Premolars Root Canal Therapy	£ 200.00
Upper Premolars Root Canal Therapy	£ 240.00
Molar Root Canal Therapy	£ 280.00
Apicectomy	From £ 250.00

EXTRACTIONS

The extraction of a tooth is only advised as the very last option. When a tooth is lost, the bone shrinks and bridges, dentures or implants are never as good as the tooth they replace.

Extraction of one tooth	£ 42.00
Each subsequent tooth during the same Treatment	£ 19.30
Surgical Extractions	From £ 100.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoothing a tooth	£ 10.20
Treatment of sensitivity	£ 11.90
Treatment of acute infected conditions	£ 20.50
Reimplantation of luxated tooth	£ 100.00
Arrest of haemorrhage	£ 47.40
Removal of sutures	£ 16.30
Treatment of an infected socket	£ 19.40

CROWNS & BRIDGES

A crown restores the natural appearance and function of a tooth if it is broken down, mishaped or discoloured. Crowns usually come in two forms. A jacket crown is made to fit over the prepared natural crown of the tooth. A post crown replaces the entire crown of the tooth. The post slots into the root of the tooth with the crown attached.

Most crowns are made of a gold/nickel alloy with a porcelain surface.

A bridge is a method of replacing one or more missing teeth with a porcelain false tooth. The false tooth is permanently attached to the adjacent natural teeth.

There are many different types of bridges all using the same principles to replace missing teeth on a permanent structure.

Both techniques requires two appointments. The first appointment is for the preparation and a temporary crown is fitted while the permanent crown or bridge is being made. The second appointment is for the crown to be cemented into the mouth.

Porcelain Bonded to metal depending on the materials specified.	£ 275 - £ 380
Gold.	£ 280 - £ 350
Cast metal post and core.	£ 59.40
Metal wing for adhesive bridge.	£ 57.50
Refixing a crown or bridge.	£ 36 - £ 70
Porcelain Veneer or inlay.	£194 - £ 380

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Emergency treatment and advice is available, outside our normal working hours, this is provided by a local rota of dentists in Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Shaftesbury and Sherborne. If you require emergency treatment, telephone the practice, then contact the number given by the answer phone.

Emergency treatment is free for Care Plan Patients.
Recall to Practice fee. £ 125.00

DENTURES

The purpose of dentures is to restore normal appearance and function when some or all of the teeth have been lost. FULL dentures replace all of the teeth in the upper and lower jaw, or both. PARTIAL dentures replace some of the natural teeth in one jaw.

Most dentures are made of acrylic which is a form of plastic. Another material used in construction of some dentures is the metal chrome cobalt.

The dentist will need to see you for approximately four appointments in order to make dentures.

1. The dentist takes impressions of the patients mouth which are then sent to the laboratory.

2. Further impressions using specially constructed impression trays are taken and the dentist records how the patient bites together. A range of techniques are used to assess the hinge axis of your jaw joint to ensure that the teeth bite in the correct position.

3. Trial dentures prepared in wax are tried in the patients mouth and any adjustments are made.

4. The final denture is made and fitted into the patients mouth.

Full upper and lower acrylic dentures depending on the teeth chosen.

£ 540 - £615

Full upper or Full lower acrylic denture.

£ 410 - £495

Partial acrylic denture.

£ 300 - £400

Chrome cobalt metal denture.

£ 505 - £530

Valplast flexible denture.

£ 510 - £550

Metal backing per tooth.

£ 25.70

Repair to a denture.

£ 34.30

Addition of a tooth or clasp.

£ 52 - £ 97

Relining (Hard)

£ 85.00

Relining (Soft)

£ 99.00

Gum Shield

£ 47 - £ 56

CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY

We always regard children as very special patients and do everything to make their visits as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. Children are seen at the practice under a Maintenance Plan agreement or on a private fee per item basis. In both cases our aims for children are the same. We wish them to become proficient in the way they look after their teeth, and grow in their understanding of how to minimise the effects of dental decay and gum disease.

Dental examinations consist of two equally important parts. Part (a) is the visit to the Hygienist or dental health advisor where they are encouraged to learn how to clean their teeth, and how to distinguish which foods are good for them and which have a high risk of causing decay. Part (b) is the clinical examination by the dentist. Here the teeth are examined for any signs of decay, the health of the gums assessed and a careful watch is kept on how the whole mouth is developing. This is very important in case orthodontics (straightening of teeth with braces) is likely to be needed.

Fissure sealants are available to reduce the chance of decay.

Fissure sealants £ 13.40 per tooth

Fillings start from £ 18.70 per tooth

The Old Malt House Dental Plans

Children's plans are £2.41 to £6.61 per month with discounted private charges if any work is required. Adults plans are independent capitation schemes, your mouth is assessed using well thought out and consistent criteria. This then places you in one of five bands. The monthly payment is then set between £11.97 - £37.23. MOST PATIENTS PAY LESS THAN £ 21.75.

This payment covers all the time required to treat you, the only further expense that you might have to pay would be the cost of laboratory bills for crowns, bridges or dentures.

24 Hour World Wide emergency cover is included in all plans. In my opinion this is the best way to care for your teeth.

CHARGES FOR MISSED APPOINTMENTS

The overheads of running a dental practice are extremely high. Appointments which are not attended are charged for. This is applied consistently, irrespective of which system (Private or Care Plan) you are seen under.



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CODE OF PRACTICE



- 1) We give you the assurance that the quality of dentistry will always be the best that we can produce.
- 2) We guarantee new fillings for 1 year. This is subject to satisfactory oral health, regular attendance and a lack of trauma or abuse.
- 3) Your new crowns, bridges and dentures are guaranteed against faulty manufacture or fitting.
- 4) Our standards of Cross Infection control are of the highest calibre and without regard to cost.
- 5) We continually audit all our standards to ensure that we deliver treatment, care and advice in the environment of the highest quality.
- 6) We shall always seek to treat your dental emergency on the day that you contact us.
- 7) We define emergencies as 'Traumatic damage, Dramatic swelling, Haemorrhage and Intractable Toothache'.
- 8) We carry out a continual programme of post-graduate training, required to maintain and advance our standards of excellence. This includes agreeing to Peer Review of our standards and Professional Arbitration.
- 9) We shall introduce new technology whenever proven beneficial to your dental care.
- 10) We shall carry out Quality Care.