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GENERAL AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY

### OCCLUSAL RECORDS

Occlusal records are a more in depth level of information gathering than the typical dental exam, and they are necessary when more information is needed to determine a correct diagnosis and treatment plan. They are analogous to an architect's measurements, photographs, and blueprints when doing a remodel project.

In dentistry, they are necessary when we are considering esthetic changes, or when there are bite (occlusal) problems. Occlusal problems may manifest as discomfort in the jaw joints or muscles, headaches, neck aches, excessive wear on the teeth and/or missing and shifted teeth. Note that periodontal disease; large, worn fillings; or poorly shaped crowns can be contributing factors.

*Restorative records in our office consist of photographs, upper and lower impressions/models, a centric record (bite registration) and a face bow transfer (allowing us to relate the teeth to joint). Accuracy and attention to detail is critical during this process.*

Once this information is gathered and processed, a detailed analysis is possible. After analysis is completed, we will be able to discuss treatment options, concerns, advantages/disadvantages, and potential fees. Keep in mind this is a two-way discussion between you and your doctor – you will have ample opportunity to ask any questions you may have. In addition, we would encourage you to bring your spouse or significant other for their input, understanding, and questions.