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Concerning First Appointment and Fees

Many people find it helpful to know what they can expect from a time and financial prospective. Below is an attempt to give you an overview of what you might expect. Let us know if you are encountering any obstacles so we may help.

First Appointment- Is usually a preliminary evaluation of your problem. A history of the problem is taken. The head and neck are examined. Preliminary diagnostic test such as doppler auscultation and range of motion are performed. This will usually take about an hour.

The goal of the first appointment is to answer these questions:

- Is the TMJ damaged?
- Is the Neck Damaged?
- Does this damage contribute to the problems you are having?
- What further tests or radiographs, if any, are needed, to develop a definitive diagnosis?

You will be informed and educated as to what your problem might be, and will be given a plan on how best to reach a definitive diagnosis. In some cases, Dr. Droter figures out what the problem is at this appointment and treatment can be initiated. However, most cases require additional information. Once we have an accurate diagnosis, a specific treatment to your specific problem can be chosen. If this is an emergency exam, some form of treatment may be rendered at the first appointment.

Cost Estimate of first appointment

- \$174-\$1,029 with \$870 being the most common.
- You can be given an exact fee once you have sent in the facial problem questionnaire.
- You will need to pay the full amount at the time of the appointment.
- Cash, Checks or Credit Cards (Master Card, Visa, Discover) are accepted.

Insurance information- There are so many different insurance plans, that it is impossible for us to know what your plan covers. You will need to speak with your insurance company to find out the specifics. Your insurance company is suppose to have staff available to help you submit claims. Some information you may find helpful in speaking with them:

- You may need a referral from your primary care medical doctor before seeing Dr. Droter to get coverage.
- Dr. Droter is a dentist who diagnoses and treats medical conditions of the head and neck.
- The first appointment is considered an orthopedic evaluation of the head and neck, which is a medical evaluation.
- Coverage for Dr. Droter will be in the non-participator category.
- You will be given an insurance form to send into your medical insurance carrier.
- Any benefits you are due need to be sent to you directly from your insurance carrier.