



# Cornerstone Dental Group

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## ***What We Want You To Know About Orthodontic Treatment Before We Start***

The doctor regularly evaluates the bite and tooth position at each checkup or exam. If it is deemed that orthodontic treatment is an option **and** if there is interest, a diagnostic appointment can be scheduled. Much like a builder needs a set of blueprints to build a house and provide an estimate, we need **orthodontic records**. Orthodontic records consist of several X-rays (one of which, a ceph, will have to be taken at another office, address below), digital models of the teeth, a bite registration and photographs of both the teeth and facial features. These **records** allow the doctor to diagnose the problem and determine how to treat the case. Once a course of treatment is selected, an estimate of both cost and time can be provided. A consult appointment can be scheduled one to two weeks after receiving the ceph X-ray, where the doctor and orthodontic treatment coordinator will review the concerns and treatment plan and answer any questions you may have. An estimate will also be given. There is no fee for this consultation appointment. Treatment can begin any time after the consult. If you have dental insurance, we will send a letter on your behalf to confirm your insurance coverage. It takes 3-8 weeks to hear back, depending on which insurance company you are insured through.

The cost for orthodontic records is \$325.00 **plus** the cost of the cephalometric radiograph (x-ray), which is billed and to be paid at the office where it is taken. If you have insurance, we will be happy to send in a claim form for you. Your insurance company will then reimburse you directly. A financial arrangement will need to be made before treatment is started. **All fees for orthodontic treatment are paid directly to the office; if you have insurance, a claim form will be sent on your behalf for reimbursement.**

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We hope the above information helped explain the process and some commonly asked questions.

*Thank you for considering us for your orthodontic treatment and taking the first step towards a new smile!*

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Cost of cephalometric radiograph: \$75.00