

## **WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE**

We are pleased to receive you as a new patient. Hopefully, this letter will enable you to become more familiar with our services and procedures, as well as with our doctors. We also encourage you to visit our website at [www.MtnViewOrthodonticsLongmont.com](http://www.MtnViewOrthodonticsLongmont.com) to learn more about our office. We strive to provide you with not only the best in orthodontic treatment, but also the best in patient services. Because we understand your busy lifestyle, we are happy to offer our patients Sesame Communications, our 24/7 patient information system that gives you the answers you need, even when we are not in the office.

Your initial appointment is for a clinical examination to determine if there is a need for orthodontic treatment. The duration of treatment, timing of treatment and the nature of subsequent appointments will be discussed. There is *no* fee for this initial examination.

Based on the clinical examination, we will recommend one of the following procedures:

**NO TREATMENT** – Orthodontic therapy is not indicated at this time, or it is preferable to address the patient's concerns through alternate dental treatment.

**RECALL** – If it is too early to begin orthodontic treatment, we will send an email, text or call you when your child is due for a follow-up visit for evaluation of the tooth and jaw development. As with the initial exam, there is *no* charge for the recall visit. We do not charge for these exams because we feel it is very important to be able to begin treatment at the appropriate time.

**DIAGNOSTIC RECORDS** – If orthodontic treatment is needed now or if further information is needed to determine when certain problems would best be addressed, full records will be needed. Records include radiographs (x-rays) specific to orthodontics, photographs, 3D scan of your teeth, jaw joint (TMJ) exam and checking bone and gum tissues. For your convenience, some exam appointment times have diagnostic records appointments available immediately following the initial exam.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Dr. Baumgaertel** is an internationally recognized orthodontic specialist with nearly two decades of clinical experience. As a Professor of orthodontics he holds teaching appointments at Universities in Cleveland, OH and Melbourne, Australia. He has written two textbooks and countless scientific articles and book chapters. He lives in Berthoud with his fiancée Edith, where they enjoy everything Colorado's great outdoors has to offer.