

## Level of Care

We, Dr. Bob and team, thank you for choosing us to care for your dental needs. We would like to make our relationship with you as comfortable as possible. Please circle the level of treatment that best suits your needs. This will help us give you the type of dental care you would prefer to have at this point in time.

### Level 1—Repair Care

People who choose this level of care prefer to deal only with obvious problems. They usually want to correct immediate problems with as little effort and cost as possible, even though the treatment **may not be a long-term solution**. Patients at this level are not yet ready for a complete examination and formulation of a long-term treatment plan. At this level, all decay and obvious gum problems are treated. What is not treated are problems involving the muscles, jaw joints, and the bite. These are the problems that are usually associated with grinding at night and excessive wear of the teeth.

Those problems tend to shorten the life span of whatever repairs are made, often dramatically. **This can result in having the same treatment done over and over again, constantly under repair, never really being done.**

### Level 2—Complete Care

People choose this level of care if they want to keep their teeth for a **lifetime in excellent comfort, function, and appearance**. People at this level choose to have a **complete examination, fully evaluating teeth, gums and supporting bone, jaw joints, muscles, and cosmetics**. This usually includes a detailed look at how the teeth, joints and muscles **all work together** when in function.

During this examination process we jointly formulate a long-term plan to produce the end result of choice, not chance. This will usually involve more extensive treatment in the short run, but will significantly reduce the need for treatment in the future. **In short, we do everything we can to get it right the first time.**