

# suressmile

**Great smiles in less time.**

## ***How will you keep my mouth dry?***

Just like your bonding appointment, we will use cheek retractors and cotton to keep your mouth dry. Dr. Montano may also prescribe Sal-Tropine for you to take 2 hours before the scanning appointment to inhibit saliva production.

## ***How long will this appointment take?***

In addition to your scan, we will need extra time to take current records including photos and x-rays to record your treatment progress.

The scanning procedure usually takes around 45 minutes, depending on the characteristics of your mouth. We scan your upper and lower teeth, and then we scan your teeth biting together. Just like capturing accurate tooth anatomy, it is very important that we capture your bite correctly—please bite in a natural position and don't move while we are taking the bite scan.

## ***What happens next?***

After taking your scan, we will send it to the SureSmile Digital Lab where individual tooth models will be made. Then the doctor will examine your teeth on a SureSmile computer and determine the design needed for your SureSmile custom archwires, which we will insert at your next appointment.

## ***What is special about custom archwires?***



In traditional treatment, a patient receives standard wires that the doctor must bend by hand over multiple appointments to get the teeth perfectly aligned.

With SureSmile, Dr. Montano moves models of your teeth on the computer into the best outcome for your teeth and bite. Then Dr. Montano orders a set of wires to be bent robotically to achieve this result. All the bends needed for a phase of treatment are contained in this one prescription. Since the wires are custom-made for you, treatment is more efficient.



*Scan of upper arch*



*Scan of lower arch*



*Scan of bite*

## ***Is there anything I should do while waiting for my wire insertion appointment?***

Because your brackets work together with the wire to move your teeth precisely, please closely follow the instructions you received at the beginning of treatment to avoid accidentally damaging or knocking off your brackets. If you lose brackets after your scan, you may need to come back in for another scanning appointment. Not only is that inconvenient for you, but it delays your treatment. Our concern is to obtain the most accurate model of your teeth to enable us to produce the most accurate wire prescription.

**Your scan is key to "a great smile in less time" because it captures the information we need to customize your treatment.**



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