10 Rules to keep in mind when searching for the right DENTIST for you and your family!

- <u>Follow the good old word of mouth recommendations</u>: Ask your **dentist** how many patients they receive from referrals of other happy patients. Most successful **dentists** will be happy to share these numbers with you. This is just like your mother or sister recommending a **dentist** to you.
- Ask for a free consultation: If your dentist provides quality service, they will happily schedule a free consultation, free examination and much more in order to learn about the benefits of having good oral health and how to achieve it.
- <u>Keep your eyes and mind open</u>: When you visit the office for your free consultation, look out to see if the office is clean, organized, and sterile.
- Qualification Counts: Look for a dentist that is well qualified and experienced.
- <u>Education Matters</u>: A <u>dentist's</u> office that is up to date with the technology and has the means to educate you about dental health, speaks a lot about their attitude towards you and your oral health.
- <u>Availability and Accommodation</u>: A <u>dentist</u> office with flexible and long office hours and weekends to
 accommodate you at your convenience and work around your schedule. Also, be sure to ask them if they receive
 emergencies.
- <u>Don't let them play catch n' throw with you</u>: A <u>dental office</u> that has all specialties under one roof is ideal, so you don't get shuffled between offices and <u>dentists</u>. Go to a dentist office where you can stay comfortably in one place for all your dental needs.
- <u>It's the entire team that makes a difference</u>: Observe if the staff is caring, attentive, listens to your needs and cares about your comfort and convenience.
- <u>Giving back to the community and supporting causes</u>: You might wonder how supporting causes affects your service? Well, it is closely associated. A practice that supports social causes and is a part of professional groups that are affiliated with noble causes for the betterment of the society will never cheat you with either their services or prices.
- Follow the 3 C's: See if the office goes beyond the basic chair and tools to relax you and make you feel at home with Comfort, Care and Convenience. Do they serve fresh beverages, and snacks? Do they have a nice décor, free parking, and soothing music to relax you?