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Routine hygiene visits and check-ups may or may not reveal the need to present a case. They always offer the opportunity to inform patients about the full range of services offered.

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Ease the financial impact. The price tag of treatment can be a significant stumbling block for a patient. Offering options like a discount for payment in full, outside financing and other financial arrangements can soften the role expenses play in making the final decision to accept treatment.

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