

Our goal in treating your child is to provide the highest quality of care utilizing the most up to date techniques and materials in a safe, friendly environment by our experienced, caring and well trained staff. It is also our goal to prevent decay and to have all patients "cavity free". The following are our guidelines for treatment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these guidelines, please feel free to ask one of our dentists or staff members anytime for clarification.

TREATMENT

We will treat your child the same way we would treat one of our children if we were providing dental care and honest, sincere concern without sedation or general anesthesia. With very few exceptions, most children's dental treatment can be performed in the dental office with local anesthesia, nitrous oxide and various patient management techniques (described on the back of this form). We feel these are the safest and most effective approaches to treatment for your child.

Since many adults have a fear of dentistry, they wait until they have serious problems to seek treatment. Most of the treatment we perform on children, such as sealants and small fillings is to prevent these more serious problems. Our goal is to teach your child that dentistry is a health care service that can provide a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums and that visiting the dentist can be a positive experience. Our job is to educate your child about dentistry and to establish trust and confidence in your child for seeing the dentist.

Since every child is unique and handles new situations differently, it is necessary to have your child's undivided attention. Therefore parents are asked to wait in the reception room during treatment appointments. This allows the dentist to establish a direct and close rapport with your child. When a parent is in the room, your child's attention is divided and it is difficult to gain his/her confidence. Most children handle the situation better without the parent present and, although your child may be upset at first, he/she will calm down and cooperate once seated in the dental chair.

One of our staff members will come out to the reception room and accompany your child to the treatment room. The staff member will stay with your child during treatment and accompany him/her back to the reception room after treatment is completed. While you may feel it is a comfort for your child "to walk them back to the room", we have found this to be a greater problem for your child because you are "leaving them". If your child knows you are "waiting for them out front" and that they will join you at the end of their treatment, then you have not "left" or "gone away".

I, (parent/guardian) of _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the above policy. I have reviewed the "Pediatric Dentistry Patient Management Techniques" on the reverse side of this form and give consent for their use. All of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Signature Parent/Guardian Relationship to Patient Date