



Things you should know before your child's first dental appointment...

Dear Parents:

We are committed to providing your child with a positive and successful experience at the dental office. This is true for all procedures including dental cleanings, x-rays, fillings and extractions. In order to make this happen, we need your help.

Once your child has his/her check-up appointment with the doctor, a treatment recommendation will be discussed with you based on the dental diagnosis.

Financial consultation will be done with the practice coordinator

If your child is in need of further dental treatment, we ask that you support the following recommendations:

- Children ages 3-8 should be appointed for an 8-9am appointment. Children are most cooperative in the early morning hours and usually fall asleep during treatment. Children become very active and hyper in the afternoons and cooperation becomes challenging. Children 8 and older can be seen after school.
- We ask that you wait for your child in the reception area on the day of treatment. This will allow the doctor and the staff to have 100% of their attention focused on the individual needs of your child. Children are much more cooperative without the direct supervision of a parent in the treatment room. Should your child ask to see you during treatment, a staff member will ask you to come in the treatment area for a short while.
- Before we start any treatment, we will explain the procedure to the child in terms they can understand and we ask that you use the same terminology at home. It is actually **best** to allow us to prepare your child on the day of his/her appointment. Preparing children at home usually causes more anxiety and less cooperation

OUR TERMINOLOGY

1. Yummy jelly
2. Sleepy juice
3. Whistler
4. Sugar bug
5. Mr. Thirsty
6. Tickling the teeth

DON'T USE

Topical anesthetic
Shot/needle
Drill
Decay/cavity
Suction
Dental cleaning

7. Counting teeth	Examination
8. Magic wand	Explorer
9. Raincoat	Rubber guard/dental dam
10. Wiggle/dance a tooth	Pull/yank a tooth
11. Magic/happy air	Gas

We have been very successful in treating many children of different ages in this fashion. Children who experience dental visits in a positive environment grow up looking forward to dental checkups and hopefully end up with less dental problems. The more frequent visits allow early dental education, diagnosis and treatment in most cases.

Should your child become uncooperative during a dental visit, we will discontinue treatment and discuss other options of sedation or referral to a pediatric dentist.

We look forward to a long-term relationship with you and your child(ren). It is a very fulfilling experience to see the children in our practice “grow older” with us.

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