



### **Guidelines and Policies for Treatment**

It is determined that your child requires dental treatment. We would like to inform the parent/guardian of our guidelines and policies regarding delivery of treatment.

#### **Accompanying your child for dental treatment**

It has been our experience that most children do well, and the procedure time is shorter when the child comes into treatment area without parent /guardian. We have found that the child is more attentive to our requests without being distracted by the parent. This usually results since the child looks at the parent to instruct them instead of our staff. Parents may give instructions with the intent of helping that may not be given at the appropriate time or be the appropriate instruction. The younger child may not get in the chair, or want to get out of the chair, because they want to sit with the parent. This can cause the appointment to last longer and, in some cases, even prevent the treatment from being completed.

We do provide the opportunity for the parent/guardian to accompany the child for treatment. To accompany your child for the treatment the following regulations and requirements must be met and followed.

#### **Only the child being treated, and one parent/guardian may be in the treatment area**

If you plan on bringing any other children with you on that day, you must bring an adult (21 years and older) to supervise them in the reception area. If you do not, you will not be able to accompany your child for treatment on that visit.

#### **If you feel that you can not handle the sight of needles or blood, we do not recommend that you accompany your child**

We will try to make this painless as possible. We do administer a local anesthetic for most procedures. In some instances, more than one injection will be administered to ensure that your child is numb. We do not tell them they are getting a shot, to not create anxiety. During treatment you may notice bleeding. This is normal during most treatments.

A parent that covers their eyes or makes comments about the bleeding will only cause the child more anxiety.

#### **Some children will cry during the procedure**

If we feel confident that your child is numb, crying should not be a concern. There are times when the child says: "it hurts" to see if that will get us to stop the procedure. There are ways for us to determine numbness. If you feel uncomfortable seeing your child cry, we recommend that you do not accompany your child for treatment.

#### **You will not be permitted to stand over your child or hold their hand during a procedure**

Unless you are specifically directed, you will be required to remain seated in the chair provided.

**If there are too many interruptions or any violation of our policy by the person accompanying the child, we reserve the right to discontinue treatment.**

**It is in our intentions to make the appointments as pleasant as possible for your child. Your signature below indicates that you have read and accepted the above policies.**

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Signature

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Date