



PARENT GUIDELINES FOR TREATMENT APPOINTMENTS

Dear Parents:

You are free to accompany your child on his/her treatment appointment. Although our experience is that some children do better without parents present, we are open to having you with your child. If you choose to be present, we suggest the following guidelines to improve chances of a positive outcome:

- **Allow us to prepare your child**
- **Be supportive of the practice's terminology**
- **Please be a silent observer**
 - **This allows us to maintain communication with your child**
 - **Children will normally listen to their parents instead of us and may not hear our guidance**
 - **You might give incorrect or misleading information**
 - **Many children will try to control the situation**
 - **"Acting out" is normal, but unacceptable during fillings**
 - **This is intended to "short circuit" the control attempt**
- **We will continue to support your child at all times**
- **Please do not bring children without an appointment to the treatment area**
- **We will frequently use nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia during the treatment of your child. This is a technique which has been proven safe and effective for over 100 years**
- **We will offer to give your child Ibuprofen or Tylenol after treatment. This improves the outcome in our experience**

These are very important ways that you can actively help in the success of your child's visit. We are confident that all will go well and hope these guidelines will help prepare you with confidence for the upcoming appointment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Patient Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____