

Welcome Parents!



general dentistry
and early orthodontics
for children

Thank you for taking the time to demonstrate to your child the importance of their oral health. As your child's Dental Care Team, one of our primary goals is to make this a positive, fun experience. As you have already noticed we strive to make our office uniquely child friendly. Considerable planning and development of our Under The Sea theme results in a nonthreatening atmosphere where your child can relax, preparing them for lessons in oral health that will be with them for the rest of their life.

As the parent, you play a very important role in the delivery of these valuable lessons. First, we are counting on you to make this a positive experience for your child - from the very beginning. To ensure your child starts off on the right foot, we ask your cooperation in these areas.

Sleepy Juice

Mr. Thirsty

Mr. Whistler

1. We ask parents to refrain from using dated dental terminology familiar to their generation. Words or phrases like Drill, Shot, Needle or talk about Pulling a Tooth Out are NOT USED in our office. Instead we will explain to your child what we are going to do in terms that are child friendly. The alternative terms we will be using are **"Mr. Whistler"** (high speed drill), **"Sleepy Juice"** (Novocaine) and **"Mr. Thirsty"** (slow suction evacuation). These words conjure up completely different images and allow us to communicate what we are doing without frightening your child. If you would like to discuss your child's treatment in private (without your child present) please tell a Dental Team Member. We would be happy to accommodate your request.
2. Parents are welcome into the rooms during treatment. They may also remain in the reception room. Please, if you are in the treatment room; give us space to work freely around your child.
3. It is important your child listens to our requests and follows our instructions. Please let us communicate to your child what we need them to be doing without interference. Parents who don't follow the rules will get a "time-out" in the Reception Room.
4. Please mute your cell phone or pager when we are performing any treatment on your child.

Heading Off Your Child's Fear

When a parent is fearful of the dentist (parents can inadvertently communicate this to their children) children pick up on this and become fearful themselves. As a parent you should be aware of this.

If you feel your fears will be detrimental to your child's appointment in our office, your remaining outside in our Reception Area would be more beneficial to your child.

Finally, we want to thank you for choosing us to be your child's Dental Team. Working together. . . we can make a positive impact on your child that will last a lifetime.

Dr. Trout and Dental Team.