

Office Policy Regarding Patient Treatment

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 experience, caring and well trained staff. 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 own children. With very few exceptions, most children's dental treatment can be performed in the dental office with local anesthesia, nitrous oxide, and various patient guidance techniques. We feel these are safe and effective approaches to treatment for your child.

Many adults have a fear of dentistry and, as a result, they often postpone needed dental care until they have significant and complicated dental conditions. One of our goals is to demonstrate to children by example that regular dental visits to maintain dental health have a tremendous reward: a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Most of the treatment we perform on children (i.e., dental sealants and dental fillings) is designed to prevent future expensive and complicated dental procedures. We strive to educate children about dentistry and to establish a level of trust and confidence in those dental procedures aimed at preserving good oral hygiene. The result of our efforts helps to reduce the number of children who become adults fearful of dentistry. Winning the trust and confidence of our patients and parents is very important and requires special attention to detail.

It is our goal to ensure every child has a positive dental experience. We understand that every child is unique and handles new situations in different ways; however, securing a child's undivided attention is the first step toward that positive experience. Some children do not fear dental procedures and approach them with confidence. Others may feel uncertain and we at Martin Pediatric Dentistry understand that the presence of a parent/ guardian in the clinical environment can positively or negatively impact a child's ability to provide his/her undivided attention during treatment.

At Martin Pediatric Dentistry, we welcome parents to accompany their children in the clinical environment. For some patients, the presence of a parent/guardian helps rather than hinders the administration of dental procedures. For other patients, however, having a parent/guardian in the room where dental care is being administered may cause the patient to be inattentive or distracted, to lose their sense of confidence, to be more likely not to adhere to the directions the clinical team provides, and/or to be disinterested in establishing rapport with the dentist providing the care. These resulting behaviors not only interfere with the dental procedure, but they can also put the patients and clinical staff at risk as well. The office manager along with the doctor and the parents/guardians will work together to identify the most beneficial solution. After all, we believe every child deserves to have positive dental experiences and working together with our parents/guardians help to ensure that children recognize Martin Pediatric Dentistry as a caring, safe, and friendly place.