



## Children Visits

Thank you for choosing us to provide dental care for your child. We enjoy working with children and will try to deliver comprehensive care in a gentle manner. Before we see your child, we need let you know what to expect at our office.

### **Ages 0-4**

Visits for children under the age of four are simplified so that the child can have a good experience. They are brought back with a parent and sit on the parent's lap during the visit. We will review brushing and flossing, reinforce good eating habits, examine your child's mouth and apply fluoride varnish. We will write a prescription for fluoride if needed. If your child has cavities, we will likely refer them to a pediatric specialist that can fix their teeth while they are sedated due to their young age.

### **Ages 5-18**

Starting at age five we will bring children back by themselves. One of our caring assistants will take x-rays of their teeth. They will demonstrate brushing and flossing, and do a cleaning as needed. Then the Doctor will examine your child's mouth and record any findings. Once this is done, we will call you back to share what we have discovered. Then we can answer any additional questions you might have. This gives us a chance to evaluate how your child behaves in the dental office so that we can decide how to deliver the best treatment. We will also write a prescription for fluoride if needed.

If your child needs dental work, we will consider if your child is ready to begin treatment and how much time we have available that day. If there is not enough time, we will schedule dental treatment for another day. If your child will have problems cooperating, we will refer them to a pediatric specialist.

Once we have permission from you to do dental work for your child, we will excuse you to the waiting room. We know that children are much more likely to be cooperative when they are not distracted by their parents. The Doctor and assistants will be able to give your child their undivided attention to deliver dental care in a kind fashion. If during the course of treatment your child has a difficult time, we will be sure to let you know at the conclusion of the appointment.

Thank you for choosing us to provide your child's dental care. We hope that this will be a good experience for all of us.