

Pediatric Dental Partners, LLP

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RULES FOR PARENTS

Thank you for choosing Pediatric Dental Partners for your child's dental care. Our Mission is to give your child the best possible treatment available. In order to accomplish this we have set some rules and guidelines to assist us. We ask that you read over our rules with your spouse and any other adult that may bring your child to our office. For your comfort ONE ADULT OR BOTH PARENTS are welcome to accompany your child to the treatment area. Once your child is in the treatment area it is OUR TIME to provide care. Too many people around your child may take attention away from the Doctor who is trying to treat your child with expedience and care. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call us. Remember, these rules have been set to make your child's visit as well as yours a very pleasant and positive one.

1. **Be a silent supporter while your child is in the treatment area.** Once your child has been seated in a chair, holding hands, patting legs and other forms of affection and attention are allowed and appreciated, but please allow us to do the talking.
2. **Take direction from your child's hygienist or assistant.** She will let you know when it is appropriate for your child to get up, or when it is appropriate for you to step in.
3. **Do not use inappropriate dental language, (i.e. Shots, needles, hurting, pulling or yanking teeth out, etc.)** We have strived over the years to come up with a vocabulary that is honest and comforting to our patients. We aren't trying to "lie" to your child we are simply attempting to make your child's experience as physically and mentally painless as possible. Please refer to the "Pediatric Dental Partners Vocabulary" when speaking to your child about their visit. (See Attachment)
4. **If asked to leave the treatment area, leave immediately, without hesitation and return to the front reception area.** The hygienist, assistant and or Doctor are not trying to alienate you from your child, we are attempting to maintain a rapport with our patient. It can be compromised when a parent is present. Some children tend to "Act Out" when a parent is around. Be assured that we will only ask you to leave if your presence is compromising communication with your child.
5. **Voice all comments and concerns to the hygienist or assistant but not directly in front of your child.** If you have any comments or concerns about the way your child is being treated, please feel free to ask the Doctor to stop treatment and step away from your child in order to voice your concern. Speaking abruptly about the care we are giving in front of your child may send mixed signals and may prevent us from building a good rapport with your child.
6. **Please refrain from bringing food or drink into the office.** With respect to our premedicated patients who are unable to eat or drink before their appointment we ask that NO ONE bring food or drink into the office.

Please remember that these are RULES and not requests. They have been put in place to aid in the care for and of your child. Because it is your child we will do as you wish, but we reserve the right to stop and explore other options if necessary. We hope these rules will reinforce the fact that our mission is to PROVIDE THE ABSOLUTE BEST CARE TO OUR PATIENTS. Again, we thank you for choosing our office for your child's dental care.

Please sign below that you have received a copy of our RULES FOR PARENTS.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____