

OFFICE POLICY REGARDING PATIENTS WITH 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 experienced, caring, and well-trained staff. It is also our goal to prevent decay and have all our patients "cavity-free" for their lifetime.

While it is our policy to have parents accompany their children for all emergencies, recare visits and observations; there are occasions when dental restorative treatment is needed. Dr. Hennette will discuss the recommended treatment with you and present a written treatment plan for you to review at your request. The following is our guideline for needed restorative treatment (fillings, sealants, extractions, etc.). If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please feel free to ask Dr. Hennette or one of the staff members at anytime.

TREATMENT

We will treat your child the same way we would treat one of our own children in providing dental care to them with tender, loving care and honest, sincere concern.

Since many adults have a fear of dentistry, they wait until they have a serious problem to seek treatment. Most of the treatment we perform on children, such as sealants and small fillings, is to prevent these serious problems. Our goal is to teach your child that dentistry is a health care service that can provide a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums and having dental treatment can be a positive experience. Our job is to educate your child about dentistry and establish trust and confidence in your child about dental treatment.

Every child is unique and handles new situations differently. It is necessary to have your child's undivided attention in the dental environment for safety concerns. **Therefore, parents are asked to wait in the reception room during treatment appointments (fillings, extractions, spacers, sealants etc).** This allows Dr. Hennette to establish a rapport with your child. When a parent is in the room, your child's attention is divided and it is difficult to gain his/her confidence and focus on the doctor. Most children handle the situation better without the parent present. Although your child may be upset at first, he/she will usually calm down and cooperate once seated in the dental chair.

One of our staff members will come to the reception area and accompany your child to the treatment room. She will stay with your child during treatment and escort him/her back to the reception area after treatment is finished. While you may feel it is a comfort for your child to "walked back to the room by you", we have found this to be a greater problem for your child because you are "leaving" him/her. Your child will react better if they that you are "waiting" for him/her out front after treatment and that you have not "left" or "gone away".

I, parent or guardian of _____, have reviewed and understand the philosophy of Dr. Hennette regarding parental separation. I acknowledge that Dr. Hennette will perform no treatment until all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I authorize restorative treatment for the above named child.

Signed Parent or Guardian

Relationship to Patient

Date

I have discussed the above policy with the parent/guardian of the above named child and answered any questions to the best of my ability.

John D. Hennette D.D.S.

Date