

Parent Information about Behavior Management Techniques For Child Dental Patients

Every effort will be made to work with your child to gain cooperation through understanding, gentle guidance, humor and charm so that quality dental care can be provided in a safe and caring environment. When these fail, there are other management techniques that can be used to eliminate or minimize disruptive behavior. Our dentists and staff have received training in the following techniques accepted by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry:

- **Tell-Show-Do:** the dentist or staff member explains to the child what is to be done, shows an example on a tooth model or on the child's finger, then the procedure is done on the child's tooth.
- **Mouth Props:** a padded device placed in the mouth for the child's teeth to rest on. It also prevents closure of the child's teeth on the dentist's fingers or dental equipment.
- **Hand and/or Head Holding by Dentist or Assistant:** an adult keeps the child's body still so the child cannot grab the dentist's hand or sharp dental tools.
- **Voice Control:** the attention of a disruptive child is gained by changing the tone, increasing, or decreasing the volume of the practitioner's voice.
- **Nitrous Oxide:** medication inhaled through a flavored nose mask to relax a nervous child. The child remains awake, but is relaxed and calm. Nitrous oxide is also known as "*laughing gas*".
- **Stabilization Wrap:** a body wrap made of fabric mesh or Velcro that is placed around the child to limit movement. It is never used without verbal and written consent from the parent.
- **Oral Moderate Sedation:** a sedative medication that is administered to your child orally prior to the procedure.
- **General Anesthesia:** Dental work can be performed in a surgery center while an anesthesiologist monitors the child in a state of "sleep".

The above behavior management techniques have been explained to me and I have had a chance to ask questions. I understand the what, when, how and why of their use, and the risks/benefits/available alternatives.

Parent/Guardian

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