



OUR PHILOSOPHY

Dear Parent,

So, your child is going to visit the dentist. You are in the right place. Our staff is great at interacting with young patients while providing excellent dental care. When working with children in dentistry, it is important to take time and have them feel comfortable with the experience. We achieve our success through conversation and simple psychology.

For children, we feel that sedation methods using drugs should be used in an outpatient hospital setting with the anesthesia services of the hospital. Other than local anesthesia, Smiling Faces has not used any sedative drugs or restraints in the practice in our 15-year history.

It is important when discussing a dental visit with your child that you remain positive. Dental procedures and techniques have come a long way in the last 20+ years, but parents often still talk to their children as if they were patient visiting the dentist. Setting the tone for the visit can make all the difference. We want your child to have as good an experience as possible.

The following list contains things which need to be taken into consideration the day of the appointment:

- No food or drink just prior to the appointment
- Please have your child thoroughly brush their teeth, tongue and gums
- Let them know that everything will be okay and give them a smile
- Don't be nervous for them; otherwise they will sense it

These are simple things, but positive psychology will have an impact on how they feel about the dental procedures. It is our job at Smiling Faces to help you ensure that they have healthy teeth when they are adults. Positive trips to the dentist can make all the difference.

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