



Operative Treatment Introduction/Acknowledgement

Need for Dental Treatment/Operative Room Guidelines _____

Your child requires further dental treatment in our office. This dental treatment will be performed in one of our private operative rooms. When you return with your child for this treatment:

- Please arrive on time for the appointment. If you are not on time, we may have to reschedule the appointment on another day.
- No other siblings may be present in the operative room. If other siblings must come with you on the day of treatment, they are welcome to play in our children's play area and you may go back and forth between areas.
- One parent/legal guardian must be present on the day of treatment, and must remain at our office for the length of the treatment, in case we have questions or need to make treatment decisions during the procedure.
- Only one parent/legal guardian is allowed in the treatment room at a time.
- If you think you may be pregnant, it is not recommended to be present in the operative room if your child is receiving Nitrous Oxide.
- No cell phones may be used in the operative room, under any circumstances. If you must make a phone call, check email or text messages, etc, you may step out into our front waiting room to do so.

Tips for Success in the Treatment Room _____

Although one parent/legal guardian is required to be present on the day of treatment, it is your choice whether or not to accompany your child in the treatment room. If you do choose to stay in the treatment room, we suggest the following guidelines to help reach a positive outcome:

- Allow us to prepare your child and use our own terminology for the equipment and procedures.
- Be a silent observer—support your child through touch rather than verbally. This allows us to be the main line of verbal communication with your child, so that he/she will hear and respond to our guidance.
- If asked to leave, please be ready to do so. Many children will try to control the situation, and asking a parent to leave the room helps to break the child's focus on that control.
- Your child may "act out" because of fear or unfamiliarity with the situation. This is normal, but unacceptable in the treatment room, for safety reasons. If this occurs, please allow us to talk to your child about his/her behavior rather than stepping in yourself. Again, this allows for a direct line of communication between us and your child.

Treatment Cost Estimate/Copayment _____

You have been provided with a cost estimate for this treatment based on the information we have regarding your dental insurance. However, this is only an estimate, and is subject to change at the discretion of your insurance company. Please remember, your insurance coverage is an agreement between yourself and your insurance company; we simply facilitate the process by submitting to your insurance on your behalf. Any specific questions regarding coverage should be directed to your insurance company.

At the time of treatment, we are required by your insurance company to collect your copayment in full. After insurance has processed the claim, we will send a bill for any remaining balance. If a credit is due, we will process this credit and send you a credit check via mail.

Need for Timely Treatment _____

Until treated, dental cavities may continue to decay, causing further damage to the tooth. If left untreated, and without changes to diet and oral health care habits, dental decay can spread into the nerve of the tooth, and continue into the surrounding gums, cheeks, and face. In severe cases, this can lead to hospitalization due to infection. According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, dental caries, periodontal diseases, and other oral conditions, if left untreated, can lead to pain, infection, and loss of function. These undesirable outcomes can adversely affect learning, communication, nutrition, and other activities necessary for normal growth.

In order to avoid further decay, infection, or other adverse effects, it is essential to treat dental cavities in a timely manner, including in primary (baby) teeth.

Symptoms to Watch for _____

Until your child's dental cavities are treated, it is important to watch for the following symptoms:

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| -Pain while eating | -Waking up at night from pain | -Bump (pimple-like) on the gums |
| -Spontaneous pain several times per day | -Red, puffy, swollen gums | -Puffy, swollen cheek |

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please call our office immediately.

I acknowledge receiving, reading, and fully understanding the above statements and policies.

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** ____/____/____