

Hinesville Smiles

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Pediatric Dental Policy

Patients under the age of 18

Welcome! One of our prime objectives is to make your child a good dental patient, who will be able to accept routine dental treatment. Listed below are some suggestions to guide you.

1. Dental visits are a part of growing up. Please don't indicate in any way that there is anything to fear.
2. The less "fuss" the better. It is best to tell your child about the dental visit the day of the appointment.
3. If your child requires more information, you can explain that the doctor will look at his/ her teeth to make sure they are healthy.
4. Make appointment days easy and try to see that your child is well rested.
5. Don't threaten a visit to the dentist as punishment for misbehavior.
6. Remember, tears are a healthy avenue of expression for a child when moving toward the unknown, so please don't be disturbed or embarrassed if your child cries. Once a child becomes familiar with the new dental surroundings, the fear will disappear.

We welcome the parent/ guardian in the treatment room with the child for the initial exam and checkup appointments, however when other treatments are being performed, we require children enter the treatment room escorted by an assistant without the parent/guardian.

Cordially yours,

Robert Simmons, Jr., D.D.S.

I have read the above and have had the opportunity to ask any questions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____