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Your child's first visit to the dentist . . .

Is there a best time of the day for my child to see the dentist?

I prefer to see young children in the morning, when they are rested and more cooperative. Morning appointments also don't conflict with mealtimes or naps.

What will happen during my child's first dental visit?

I will gently examine your child's teeth and gums, for tooth decay and other problems. We may also take X-rays of your child's teeth to see whether the facial bones and teeth are developing properly and to find any hidden decay. If necessary, your child's teeth will be professionally cleaned, or a follow-up appointment for cleaning will be scheduled. You will also learn important preventive home care skills to help your child's teeth stay strong and healthy.

What should I tell my child about seeing the dentist?

Tell your child that the dentist is a friendly doctor who will help the child stay healthy. Talk about the visit in a positive matter-of-fact way, as you would about any important new experience. A visit to the dentist can be a pleasant adventure for your child.

Pointers for parents

DONT

- bribe your child into going to the dentist
- use a dental visit as a punishment
- show that you yourself feel any anxiety about going to the dentist
- let anyone tease your child or tell scary stories about dental visits

DO

- Try to make dental visits enjoyable for your child
- Let your child go into the treatment room alone. This is their time to be "the patient" and children do surprisingly well with encouragement that they can do it!
- Set a good example by brushing and flossing your own teeth thoroughly every day and by visiting the dentist regularly.

Child Health/Dental History Form

Patient's Name LAST FIRST INITIAL			Nickname	Date of Birth	
Parent's/Guardian's Name			Relationship to Patient		
Address PO OR MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE					
Phone Home Work			Sex M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		
Have you (the parent/guardian) or the patient had any of the following diseases or problems? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 1. Active Tuberculosis, 2. Persistent cough greater than a three-week duration, 3. Cough that produces blood? If you answer yes to any of the three items above, please stop and return this form to the receptionist.					
Has the child had any history of, or conditions related to, any of the following:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV +/-AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Mononucleosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco/Drug Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Pox	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy (teens)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis
<input type="checkbox"/> Bladder	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Sinusitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Latex allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Venereal Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Liver	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bones/Joints	<input type="checkbox"/> Ear Aches	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Sickle cell	
Please list the name and phone number of the child's physician:					
Name of Physician _____			Phone _____		

Child's History

	Yes	No
1. Is the child taking any prescription and/or over the counter medications or vitamin supplements at this time? If yes, please list: _____	1. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the child allergic to any medications, i.e. penicillin, antibiotics, or other drugs? If yes, please explain: _____	2. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the child allergic to anything else, such as certain foods? If yes, please explain: _____	3. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. How would you describe the child's eating habits? _____		
5. Has the child ever had a serious illness? If yes, when: _____ Please describe: _____	5. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Has the child ever been hospitalized?	6. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the child have a history of any other illnesses? If yes, please list: _____	7. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Has the child ever received a general anesthetic?	8. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Does the child have any inherited problems?.....	9. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Does the child have any speech difficulties?.....	10. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Has the child ever had a blood transfusion?.....	11. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Is the child physically, mentally, or emotionally impaired?.....	12. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Does the child experience excessive bleeding when cut?.....	13. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Is the child currently being treated for any illnesses?	14. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Is this the child's first visit to a dentist? If not the first visit, what was the date of the last dentist visit? Date: _____	15. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Has the child had any problem with dental treatment in the past?	16. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Has the child ever had dental radiographs (x-rays) exposed?	17. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Has the child ever suffered any injuries to the mouth, head or teeth?	18. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the child had any problems with the eruption or shedding of teeth?	19. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the child had any orthodontic treatment?	20. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. What type of water does your child drink? <input type="checkbox"/> City water <input type="checkbox"/> Well water <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water <input type="checkbox"/> Filtered water		
22. Does the child take fluoride supplements?	22. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Is fluoride toothpaste used?	23. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. How many times are the child's teeth brushed per day? _____ When are the teeth brushed?	24. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Does the child suck his/her thumb, fingers or pacifier?	25. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. At what age did the child stop bottle feeding? Age _____ Breast feeding? Age _____		
27. Does child participate in active recreational activities?	27. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Both doctor and patient are encouraged to discuss any and all relevant patient health issues prior to treatment.

I certify that I have read and understand the above. I acknowledge that my questions, if any, about inquiries set forth above have been answered to my satisfaction. I will not hold my dentist, or any other member of his/her staff, responsible for any action they take or do not take because of errors or omissions that I may have made in the completion of this form.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

For completion by dentist Comments _____ _____ _____
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For Office Use Only: Medical Alert Premedication Allergies Anesthesia Reviewed by _____
 Date _____