



Treatment Appointments

In order to achieve the best possible outcome for your child's dental procedure, we suggest the following guidelines for parents:

Prior to the Appointment:

-Please plan to arrive on time for your child's treatment visit. We require all of the allotted time to complete the treatment. **If you arrive late your child's appointment may be rescheduled.**

-It is best to not over prepare your child for treatment visits. If they have questions about the procedure, vague or simple explanations are best. We will be happy to explain and answer any question the child has at the time of treatment.

-We welcome you to accompany your child during their treatment visit, although some children are more cooperative and better able to focus without parents present. If your child is acting out negatively, we may suggest that you step outside the room to see if behavior improves.

During the Appointment:

-We ask that siblings or other children not be present in the treatment room during your child's procedure. Please accompany young siblings in the waiting room.

-Please allow us to be the primary communicator with your child during the treatment visit. Multiple voices and/or directions can confuse or upset some children.

-During treatment visits, we ask that you not take photos or videos of your child. It can be distracting to the child as well as the staff.

-In the event that the situation becomes unsafe or dangerous (ie: your child is kicking, grabbing, or moving

Instead of...	We prefer to say...
Poke with explorer or use a sharp instrument	Tooth toucher or counter
Give a shot or use a needle	Make your tooth sleepy or sleepy juice
Rubber dam/Clamp	Raincoat to keep the tooth dry/Tooth ring or hugger
Drill/Drill the tooth	Tooth washer/Tooth washing
"Pull" or "Yank" the tooth	Wiggle the tooth
"hurt" or "pain"	"discomfort" "Pressure"

excessively) we may need to stop treatment and reschedule or discuss other options for treatment.

We ask that parents please be supportive of our office's terminology. Included are some common words and terms that we will be using during your child's appointment.

If you have any questions regarding your child's treatment plan or about the visit, please call us at (425) 401-1147 or email us at office@artofpd.com.