

We welcome you and your child to our practice. We appreciate the opportunity to apply our care, skill, and judgment to your child's total dental needs. Recognizing that our office represents a new experience for you and your child, we offer the following information about our office.

We, along with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, recommend the first dental examination by the first year of age. Many dental problems can be prevented through parent home care and awareness of dietary issues. We plan to guide your child's dental health from the first visit thru the teenage years with the latest dental products and techniques proven by research.

Before the First Visit:

Please discuss the positive aspects of dentistry with your child. Convey good feelings about dental visits as a part of staying healthy. Use phrases like 'gentle and careful' instead of 'won't hurt you' when describing Dr. Trotter and the exam. Expect your child to react well and enjoy the first visit to our office and chances are that we will be able to help him or her to do exactly that.

Please complete the health/dental history form prior to your appointment time and mail it back to us.

The First Visit:

Dr. Trotter will review the health history form with you. We invite you to stay with your child during all treatment. Siblings are welcome to watch during the exam and cleaning procedures. Children receiving restorative treatment are often distracted by siblings in the treatment room; it is recommended that a single parent attend during restorative treatment procedures with the patient while other family members remain in the reception room. Children under six will need a supervisory adult with them. Depending on need, x-rays may be taken to determine your child's present dental condition. Dr. Trotter will examine the hard and soft tissues of the mouth and perform a head and neck examination. A hygiene visit may be scheduled where a tooth polishing with fluoride application will be performed at another appointment and a preventive home care regimen will be prescribed. Any further treatment needs will be scheduled. All information regarding further treatment needs will be discussed prior to scheduling and care will be taken to provide you with an estimate of further costs.

We ask that the fee for the first visit be paid on the day of your appointment. This applies to all patients with or without insurance.

Please contact us with any concerns before or after your appointment. We look forward to helping you and your child reach dental health in a caring environment.

Thank you,

Amanda R. Trotter D.D.S. and Staff