



First Visit Procedures

At Norman Pediatric Dentistry our role is to assist parents in raising healthy children with healthy smiles! Our mission is to provide excellent dental care in an inviting environment that makes the child feel comfortable and parent feel their child is receiving the best possible dental treatment. Children are very special to us! During the first visit our goal is to:

- Check for cavities
- Complete an oral examination
- Educate you about your child's mouth and how to prevent cavities
- Evaluate your child's bite to determine their growth pattern
- Familiarize your child with dental equipment and the office
- Build trust between your child and our team
- Have fun!

Depending on your child's age and abilities we will attempt to take xrays, provide a prophylaxis (cleaning) and fluoride treatment. Throughout the process we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about your child's teeth and our office.

Tips for a Successful First Visit

Our goal is to ensure that your child's visit to our office is comfortable and inviting. You have a very important role preparing your child for his/her first visit to the dentist. Here are a few suggestions to prepare your child for their initial visit:

- Present the visit as a fun and exciting experience!
- Tell him/her that we will "count," "brush," and "shine" their teeth. By explaining terms this way, your child will better understand the purpose of the visit.
- Please avoid negative phrases that may cause anxiety to your child such as "drill," "shots," "pull," etc.
- Please remember that this first visit does not involve any uncomfortable procedures and should be a fun and exciting experience!

Do I Stay With My Child During Their Visit?

We invite you to stay with your child during the initial examination and any checkup appointments. During treatment appointments, we suggest you allow our staff to accompany your child through the dental experience. We can usually establish a closer rapport with your child when you are not present. Our purpose is to gain your child's confidence and overcome apprehension. However, if you choose, you are more than welcome to accompany your child to the treatment room. For the safety and privacy of all patients, other children who are not being treated should remain in the reception room with a supervising adult.