



We would like to welcome you to our office for your child's dental appointment. The goals of our practice are to make our patients feel comfortable in a setting designed especially for them. Our practice is based on preventive dental care. We strive to teach good oral care that will enable your child to have a beautiful smile that lasts a lifetime.

Your child's first visit will include:

1. Meeting the doctor and our team and becoming oriented with our dental office.
2. At the first dental appointment, as well as each dental check-up visit, your child will have a thorough oral examination. Oral hygiene instructions and proper oral health care will be taught and reviewed. The teeth will be cleaned and polished followed by an application of a topical fluoride treatment. The doctor and hygienist will advise you on the clinical findings and the need for subsequent visits if necessary. We recommend a dental check-up twice a year for most children.
3. Please note that for very young patients or for those who are being seen for the first time, we will tailor the visits according to what the child can do or allow us to do. If we can only do an oral examination, we will stop at that. We want to foster a positive attitude towards dental visits.
4. An x-ray examination will be taken as needed. The need for x-rays will depend on the child's risk factors or tendency for decay. As a rule, bitewing x-rays for children with no clinical decay or moderate risk factors for decay will only be taken once a year. If the decay rate is more aggressive, we will recommend taking x-rays more frequently. Please note that we strictly follow the x-ray guidelines as delineated by the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. X-rays are used not only to detect decay but also to evaluate erupting teeth, assess growth and development, determine need for orthodontic intervention, evaluate injuries and to evaluate health conditions that are not typically detected during a clinical exam.

We encourage our patient's parents to participate in their dental care. Please feel free to ask the doctor and hygienist questions concerning your child's dental development and home care. We will be happy to answer your questions.

We are honored that you have chosen us as your child's pediatric dental practice. We strive to exceed your expectations and hope to be an active part of your child's dental growth and development for many years. Welcome to M2!

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