

Children's Dentistry of Baytown
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PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY INFORMED CONSENT FORM

The AAPD (American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry) recognizes that, in providing oral health care for our patients, behavior management techniques may be needed during the dental visit. The goal of the behavior management is to promote a positive dental attitude, safety and quality of care on our patients. There are various Behavior Management Techniques used. There are non-pharmacological and pharmacological behavior management techniques that may be used by the dental health care providers. We want to educate and inform you as the parent/legal guardian of them.

The following are non-pharmacological techniques:

- _____ Tell-show-do: The dentist or dental assistant explains to the child what will be done using simple terminology and repetition and then shows the child what is to be done by demonstrating with instruments on a model, or the child's or dentist's finger. The procedure is performed in the child's mouth as described. Praise and compliments are used to reinforce cooperative behavior.
- _____ Positive reinforcement: This technique rewards the child who displays any behavior which is desirable. Examples of rewards include: compliments, encouragement, praises, or prizes.
- _____ Voice Control: The attention of a disruptive child is gained by changing the tone or increasing the volume of the dentist's voice. Content of the conversation is less important than the abrupt or sudden nature of the command.
- _____ Mouth Props "tooth pillow": A soft, rubber device used to assist the child in keeping their mouth open during a procedure.
- _____ Protective stabilization by the dentist and/or the dental assistant-Very rarely used (only if absolutely necessary with additional verbal and written consent): The dentist or dental assistant gently protects the child from movement by holding the child's hands/or upper body, stabilizing the child's head or positioning the child safely in the dental chair.

The following are pharmacological techniques:

- _____ Nitrous Oxide "laughing gas": Only used with additional verbal and written consent. Nitrous oxide is given through a small breathing mask which is placed over the child's nose, allowing them to relax but without putting the child to sleep. As soon as the mask is removed, the effects of the nitrous oxide go away within five minutes.
- _____ Conscious Sedation: Only used with additional verbal and written consent. Consists of an appropriate combination of one or more sedative drugs. The goal is to achieve a mild sedation on your child. Your child will retain the ability to breathe naturally and respond to verbal directions. It will be administered orally.
- _____ I.V. Sedation: Only used with additional verbal and written consent. Consists of the administration of sedation drugs into the blood stream intravenously. The anesthesiologists does this in our office, while we complete all dental treatment.
- _____ General Anesthesia: This is a medical procedure that renders the patient unconscious through the use of anesthetic drugs. This is done at the hospital.

I hereby authorize Children's Dentistry of Baytown to utilize the behavior management techniques listed on this form, if needed, to assist in providing necessary dental treatment for my child. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this consent form, and that I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions I might have about the behavior management techniques.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Witness: _____