

# PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY INFORMED CONSENT FOR PATIENT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

### ALL IN GOOD INTENTION

It is our intent that all professional care delivered in our dental office shall be of the best possible quality we can provide for each child. We believe that any dentist can get your child's work done – our mission is to do so in a manner which leaves your child with good positive feelings about going to the dentist. The entire focus is on your child, relating to them, fostering good dental health habits and installing a health, positive attitude toward dentistry for life.

All efforts will be made to obtain the cooperation of child dental patients by the use of warmth, friendliness, persuasion, humor, charm, gentleness, kindness, and understanding. In some cases, further behavior management techniques are needed. There are several behavior management techniques that are used by pediatric dentists to gain the cooperation of child patients to eliminate disruptive behavior or prevent patients from causing injury to themselves due to uncontrollable movements. These techniques are not a form of punishment and are in no way used as a form of punishment.

**\*These techniques are simply used only when and, if necessary, to complete a dental procedure in the safest manner possible.\***

Please read this form carefully and ask about anything you do not understand. Please initial to identify you understand the techniques we use.

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

The more frequently used pediatric dentistry behavior management techniques are as follows:

\_\_\_1. **Tell-Show-Do:** The doctor or assistant explains to the child what is to 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. Then the procedure is performed in the child's mouth as described. Praise is used to reinforce cooperative behavior.

\_\_\_2. **Positive reinforcement:** This technique rewards the child who displays any behavior which is desirable. Rewards include compliments, praise, pat on the back, a hug, or a prize.

\_\_\_3. **Voice Control:** Is a controlled alteration of voice volume, tone, or pace to influence and direct the patient's behavior.

\_\_\_4. **Mouth props/Rubber dams:** A mouth prop or "tooth pillow" as we call it used to help support your child in keeping his/her mouth open during an operative procedure. This allows him/her to relax and not worry about consciously keeping his/her mouth open for the procedure. A rubber dam is a "raincoat" placed on the area of work to be worked on to isolate the teeth and prevents any debris from being swallowed or going to the back of the throat.

**\*\*\*\* The following techniques require additional consents signed by parent/guardian \*\*\*\***

\_\_\_5. **Immobilization by the doctor:** The doctor controls the child from movement by gently holding down the child's hands or upper body, stabilizing the child's head between the dentist's arm and body.

