

# Emotional Guide to Behavior Management

If your child feels...



Confident



We Recommend:

"Tell- Show- Do" Communication and trust are important tools to achieving cooperation through the appointment and keeping the experience positive!!



Reluctant



Nitrous Oxide ("laughing gas") is breathed in through the nose and has a calming effect. At the end of the appointment, the nitrous leaves the body after breathing fresh air.



Anxious



Oral Sedation is a liquid medication that should make your child feel sleepy within minutes to an hour after in office administration. We combine this with nitrous to give us about 40 min of working time. Children must be healthy, with no food or drink prior to the morning appointment. It is possible for some children to experience the opposite effect and become excited and/or irritable after taking the medicine.



Extreme Anxiety



IV Sedation or General Anesthesia is medicine delivered through an intravenous injection by a doctor of anesthesiology. The medicines given through the IV put the child into a deep sleep. Breathing and heart rate is monitored by the anesthesiologist while all of the dental work is completed. For in-office IV sedation children must be healthy. No food or drink prior to the morning appointment.

Possible Dental Experiences:



Successful Appointment!



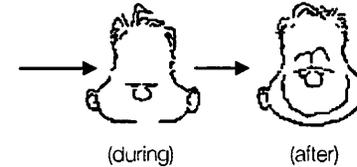
Overwhelmed or uncooperative  
(Consider Sedation)



Successful Appointment!



Irritable, angry or uncooperative  
(Consider IV Sedation or GA)



Successful Appointment!