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## SO MY CHILD NEEDS TREATMENT.....

### WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD?

It is best to **AVOID** discussing your own or anyone else in your family's personal dental experiences. We will use special words and phrases to communicate with your child. Please let us know if you would like clarification of any procedure. Your child should be well rested, fed and should take all prescribed medications unless otherwise directed by the doctor in preparation for their dental appointment.

### CAN I BE PRESENT FOR TREATMENT?

We welcome parents into the treatment area but your presence can be a help or a hindrance to the successful completion of your child's treatment. If you feel very anxious about dental treatment or feel that you will not be able to avoid interacting with your child during treatment we recommend that you wait in the reception area. If you choose to be present in the operatory during your child's treatment we request that parents become "passive observers". As a passive observer we ask that you avoid interacting with your child during the visit. We have also found that children are more cooperative when "bribes" are not offered in exchange for good behavior. It is important that the dental team establish a relationship with your child and earn his or her trust. In order to achieve these goals we will focus our attention on your child and concentrate on the positive throughout their visit.

We are only able to accommodate one parent in the treatment room. Also, if you have other children with you, we request that you wait in the reception area with them.

*Our goal is to work together to make your child's dental experience a positive one.*