

Parental Appointment Attendance Policy

While our office encourages parents to take an active part in their child's oral health, we ask that after the age of 4 parents remain in the waiting room during their child's treatment. We have found that doctor-patient communication is enhanced when the child's attention is not divided between Dr. Flowers or her assistant and their parent. Even with the best intentions, some parent's attempt to assist during treatment can undermine Dr. Flowers' authority or cause the patient to be confused about the procedure. Also, if the parent has anxiety about the appointment, the child may sense that anxiety and it can cause them to become more fearful of treatment. Our goal is to be fair with all of our patients and to provide the best care possible. We also want to see our young patients grow into happy adult patients. We appreciate having your child as a patient and your cooperation as we strive to reach our goals for your child's care.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____