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Welcome,

I look forward to meeting you and your child at your first visit to my office. As your new dentist, my office and office routine may be somewhat different from what you have been accustomed to in the past. To have you and your child feel more at home, I would like to take a few minutes to familiarize you with our practice.

One of our prime objectives is to make your child a good dental patient who will be able to accept routine dental treatment. This process must begin at home prior to the first visit. Listed here are some suggestions to guide you:

1. Dental visits are part of growing up. Please don't offer rewards or indicate in any way that there is anything to fear.
2. The less "fuss" the better. It is best to tell a child about a dental visit the day of the appointment.
3. If your child requires more information, you can explain that the doctor will look at his teeth to make sure they are healthy.
4. Make appointment days easy and try to see that your youngster is well rested.
5. Don't threaten a visit to the dentist as punishment for misbehavior.

At the first visit, you will be asked to complete a medical and personal history questionnaire. Therefore, we would appreciate your arriving a few minutes earlier for this appointment. The child at this visit is made acquainted with the dental office. He rides in the chair, sees how the water squirts, etc. He may have x-rays (pictures) taken. If an irregularity in your child's bite is observed, impressions may be taken so that I can thoroughly study the condition. Everything that we intend to do is explained and shown to the child before we do it.

I welcome parents to accompany their children into the treatment area on the first visit, especially children under four. The parent's presence is often comforting and reassuring in a new situation. It is important, however, for the parent to be a "silent partner", so that I can establish a good direct relationship with the child. If your child has a special toy, doll, or blanket that he or she would like to bring, please let them do so.

At the next appointment, your child's teeth are cleaned and a fluoride treatment is given. It is at this time, after the x-rays are interpreted and a complete examination has been completed, that your child's oral health, proposed treatment plan, and financial arrangements will be discussed. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

My office is committed to a policy of prevention. By seeing your child early in life we can prevent dental decay and infections by early treatment, oral hygiene therapy, and diet counseling. Orthodontic problems can also be prevented or the severity lessened by early recognition and treatment.

Your child, with your cooperation, can become an excellent dental patient with a healthy mouth and a pretty smile. If you would like more information about our office, please visit our website listed at the top of the page.

Cordially yours,
Stanley D. Dameron, DDS