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PRE-RESTORATIVE VISIT INFORMATION

So that we may provide your child with as pleasant an upcoming restorative visit as possible, please review the following information.

PREPARATION: If you feel it necessary, you may inform your child of the upcoming visit. Please wait until the morning of the appointment, as this will decrease the chances of stories heard from other children, not allow a lot of time for your child to build anxieties, and assure they get a good nights sleep. <u>For many children informing them on the way to the office may be the best option.</u>

NITROUS OXIDE: "Laughing gas" is occasionally used in this office to make the visit more comfortable; it is not used as a sedative. It provides better communication, because your child is more attentive to me. Vomiting occurs sometimes as a result of nausea; therefore, it is best to avoid heavy meal prior to the appointment. We advise <u>nothing to eat or drink 2 - 3 hours prior to this appointment</u>.

Five minutes after discontinuing the use of nitrous oxide, all effects are gone. Some children appear to be groggy after long visits; this is due to the length of the visit and not the nitrous oxide.

LOCAL ANESTHETICS: The use of "novacaine" makes the repair of teeth essentially painless. With the support of nitrous oxide, a properly given injection can be given with little discomfort. We explain all procedures and the feelings the child will have before we do any procedures. The terms we use are carefully selected. On occasion a child does not understand the feeling of numbness. Because this may linger up to 3 hours, some children may become upset following the visit.

RUBBER DAM: The "rain coat" is a thin piece of rubber placed over the teeth to be treated, to keep the area clean and dry. Filling materials are very sensitive to moisture, and fillings placed in a dry atmosphere will last much longer. The rubber dam is held in place by a clamp we call a "ring".