

We are so excited that you are coming in to see us. **Really.** We love it when the wee ones come in for their first visit. Let's face it, they're so cute and they brighten up a room with one smile. You want to make sure that when your little one smiles and giggles, that everyone can see their shiny white teeth. Coming here is a huge step towards that. Many people think, but my kid has only two teeth, why should I go to the dentist now? Here's why.

At their first visit, I will check their teeth and the rest of their mouth, of course. But it's also about getting to know the dentist and learning healthy dental habits. Some kids, for various reasons, don't get to see the dentist until their teeth or mouth hurts. Sure, I can work to make everything feel better, but who wants to meet someone for the first time when they're cranky and in pain?

My team wants to get to know your kids so that we can teach them good brushing and eating habits. We want kids to start early so that going to the dentist is not a chore, but a fun trip where kids' mouths come out feeling refreshed and clean. And maybe, just maybe, the better they care for their teeth right from the start, the more relaxing and fun each visit to the dentist is. Who wouldn't want that?

Now that you've decided to bring your kids to **Caring Tree Children's Dentistry**, let's talk about some details to make the visit comfortable and speedy. **If I don't have it already, the first thing I'll need from you is your physical address - you can text or email it to me.** I'm not gonna mail you anything, but it helps our fancy software confirm you are you when I send you forms. Then, within a few days of getting this charming letter, you will get a text or email from us asking you to complete our **New Patient forms.** No need to print them, you can do them from the convenience of your fancy phone. You'll just need to know your **kid's birthday** and **address** and you'll get a personalized PIN customized just for you. We ask that you complete them as soon as possible so we can be ready for when we first meet. That's it.

So, what's it like at Caring Tree Children's Dentistry? When you get here (assuming you filled out those forms) I will come out to meet your kid. Then, most kids get to lay on a very comfy bench and watch a movie while my team and I look at and clean their teeth. And you get to watch everything that happens from our waiting room. Don't worry though, for kids under 3, we let them sit in the best chair of all, your lap. Also, if older kids are new to the dentist, or they haven't gone in a while, we're going to ask for X-rays. All in all, the entire visit should take about a half-hour.

Oh, and we always make another appointment before you leave so you don't have your kids bugging you every day asking if they're going back to see Dr. K!

See you soon!

Michelle Kucera, DDS (Dr. K)