

**Thank you for considering Smile Starters for your child's dental care!**

Smile Starters is **not** your traditional practice, let's highlight some of the differences!

We believe in providing a **dental home** for all of our patients where our main focus is on preventive care and we strongly encourage you to come **every 6 months** for a cleaning and check-up.

The patient's first visit is in our hygiene department where each patient will receive a **cleaning, fluoride varnish, x-rays** as needed and age appropriate, and a tooth by tooth **exam** from the Doctor. The patient receives **education** on how to care for their teeth between visits. The doctor may also want to place **sealants** at their first visit, if he/she feels your child would benefit from them.

As this will be your first time at our office, I want to let you know that we are a large practice with 3-4 providers scheduled every day. Even though we are a busy office, **we have a large staff to help the doctors and hygienists, making it possible to treat each patient individually.**

**After every visit**, the doctor, the assistant or the hygienist will speak with you regarding any aftercare for your child and/or any treatment recommendations, which are always based on their individual dental health and not on insurance coverage.

**Aged 4+** get to go to our hygiene bay with all the other kids! We have an observation window that you can peek through to see how they're doing, but due to Covid 19 we need to limit the number of people at the window to give everyone a chance to safely see how their child(ren) is doing! Please do not walk or drive out of our parking lot as there are often times when we have questions during the appointment and will come out to speak with you.

**Please be aware that our administrative staff will be contacting you to discuss insurance.** No insurance? We have a membership program called **Smile Starters Club** which makes regular dental care affordable - check it out on our website's home page.

**We look forward to meeting you soon!**

Needing more than 1 appointment? Add a note about additional patients when setting up your appointment.