



# CORNERSTONE

## FAMILY DENTAL

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### Tips for Parents

#### What to do when your child needs more treatment

Here's some helpful information before your child's next appointment. A parent always needs to be in the building during an appointment, but you may choose whether or not to come into the treatment room. You might be surprised to hear most children actually do better without a parent in the same room, but we are open to having you with your child. If you choose to come into the treatment room, we want to be sure you. . .

1. Know your child's comfort and safety is our main concern.
2. Allow us to prepare your child with explanations and instructions.
3. Please use our "vocabulary". See the parent tip sheet "Say what we say" you can use the same words and descriptions. Consistency helps kids feel comfortable.
4. Are a SILENT observer – support your child with comforting touches and your presence.
  - a. This allows us to speak with your child.
  - b. This helps your child know the doctor is in charge.
  - c. This way the child knows exactly whose instructions to follow and isn't confused by multiple authority figures.
5. Are ready to IMMEDIATELY walk away if asked to leave the treatment room.
  - a. Many children try to control the situation.
  - b. "Acting out" is normal, but unacceptable during treatment.
  - c. We will continue to support your child at all times.
6. Know no more than ONE person may come back with the patient.
  - a. If you have other children with you, another responsible person needs to watch them in the reception area.

We want to be sure both you and your child have a good experience. If you'd like more information, feel free call or contact us through [cornerstonefamilydental.com](http://cornerstonefamilydental.com).