

The Silent Observer Agreement

We welcome parents to accompany their child in the operatory, here are a few kind reminders:

- A) Please decide which **1 parent** will be present in the treatment room. Our space is limited and too many people can be overwhelming for the patient, staff and doctor.
- B) Due to HIPAA policies, you will be asked to wait with any children not being seen today (in the reception area). They **cannot be left unattended**.
- C) We ask that you **remain seated** in the chair assigned to you. Please do not move it from its position. In addition, you will not be permitted to walk in and out of the room or around the office. Walking in and out of the room disturbs our work environment and can stress your child.
- D) Please **do not stand over** the doctor or the assistants during treatment.
- E) Due to HIPAA policies, we ask that **no pictures or video recording** take place during treatment – Remember this is a medical procedure.
- F) We understand that parents can provide emotional support during treatment; however, we want to ensure you that we are devoting our time to your child's care. Please be a **“silent observer”** (refrain from talking) during procedure as this can detract from the treatment.
- G) You will be asked to leave if your presence hinders treatment or if you are unwilling to comply with our agreement.

We thank you for entrusting us with your child's dental care and we look forward to a great visit!