

Questions to ask your dental practice before your child's appointment

Here are some examples of questions you may wish to ask your dental practice before visiting with your child. The dental passport includes more examples.

- ☐ Does your dental practice have experience working with autistic children?
- ☐ Are the staff trained in autism or have an understanding of autism?
- ☐ Can the length of the visit be extended if needed?
- ☐ Are there suitable appointment times that are quieter or less busy?
- ☐ Can specific accommodations be made, such as dimming the lights?
- ☐ Is there a quiet waiting area available?
- ☐ Can my child visit the clinic before the appointment to get familiar with the environment?
- ☐ Can my child see the same dentist for each visit?
- ☐ It is possible to request a male or female dentist if my child has a preference?
- ☐ Can the practice accommodate specific sensitivities, such as avoiding certain phrases, noises or lights?
- ☐ How can I safely handle my child's mouth stimming (such as chewing, sucking or biting on objects) after their appointment?
- ☐ How will the dental team communicate with my child during the visit?
- ☐ Can I provide a dental passport or detailed information about my child's needs and preferences?
- ☐ What are the parking arrangements?
- ☐ What would usually happen when we get there?

