



Dear Parents,

Date: _____

Autism is a spectrum disorder where children undergo abnormal brain development from early infancy. To help me better manage your child in a dental setting please review the spectrum below and indicates your child's behaviors.

Name _____ and the date of last dental appointment _____:

Autism:

- Slight, moderate or severe language problem
- Lack of interest in others
- Repetitive behavior
- Resistance to change
- Irrational routines

Asperger

- Relatively strong verbal skills
- Trouble with social situations & sharing enjoyment
- Obsessive interests

Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD)

- "atypical autism" with less severe social impairments

Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD)

- Normal growth and development for 2-4 years
- Autism-like symptoms develop

Rett Disorder:

- Similar pattern to CDD but occurs earlier and mostly in girls

Your child's early signs:

- does not respond to name
- acts as though were deaf
- does not smile socially
- no dabbling
- talks but lacks social and communication skills
- Others _____

Prescribed medications:

- Tegretol (Carbamazepine)
- Cataprus (Clonidine)
- Prozac (Fluoxetine)
- Ritalin / Concerta (Methylphenidate)
- Zyprexa (Olanzapine)
- Risperdal (Risperidone)
- Other medications _____

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Below are some of the behavior management / dental techniques I will be performing on your child:

- Desensitization / Tell- Show- Do
- Positive reinforcement
- Physical restraint w/ informed consent
- Sedations: Nitrous Oxide / Oral medications / I.V.
- General anesthesia
- Keep appointment short and repetitive
- Keep environment familiar
- Keep staff the same
- End each appointment in a positive note
- Others _____

These are suggestions on making your child's visit to the dentist a pleasant and positive experience:

- Music as an aid
- Parent / caregiver as helper in communication
- Parent / caregiver rehearse procedure a home/school prior to visit

Please let us know if there is anything else we need to know to better treat your child:

Thank you for your cooperation.

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