



Practice Terminology

Dear Parents:

In order to improve the chances of your child having a positive experience in our office, we are selective in our use of words. We try to avoid words that scare the child due to previous experiences. Please support us by NOT USING negative words that are often used for dental care. These include:

DON'T USE

needle or shot
topical gel
drill
drill on tooth
pull or yank tooth
decay, cavity
examination
tooth cleaning
laughing gas
oral sedative

OUR EQUIVALENT

bubble
lip jelly
whistle/Electric Toothbrush
cleaning a tooth
wiggle a tooth out
sugar bug
count teeth
making teeth shiny
magic air
Magic Juice

Please refrain from using the words **HURT** or **PAIN**, even if saying "it won't hurt". Just the mention of these words adds to a child's anxiety no matter what context they are used in.

This will also help you understand your child's description of the filling experience. Our intention is not to "fool" the child—it is to create an experience that is positive. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us build a good attitude for your child!

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