

# **PEDIATRIC DENTAL ASSOCIATES**

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## **Consent For Behavior Management**

*Dental practitioners are encouraged to perform behavior management consistent with their educational training and behavior experience. Behavior Management methods in pediatric dentistry are directed toward goals of communication and education. The following are methods we use to provide the highest quality of pediatric dental care.*

- Voice Control:** *Voice control is a controlled alteration of voice volume, tone, or pace to influence and direct the patients behavior.*
- Hand Over Mouth:** *H.O.M. is a commonly accepted and effective behavior management method which has been documented in the dental literature for over 25 years. A hand is placed over only the mouth, and behavior expectations are calmly explained. The hand is removed and the positive behavior praised.*
- Nitrous Oxide Oxygen:** *"Laughing Gas" Nitrous Oxide reduces or eliminates anxiety, enhances communication, decreases pain and increases tolerance for longer appointments.*
- Physical Restraint:** *Partial or complete immobilization of the patient is sometimes necessary to protect the patient and/dental staff from injury. Restraint can be performed by dentist, staff, or parent, with or without the aid of a restraining device.*
- Conscious Sedation:** *A minimally depressed level of consciousness that retains the patients ability to breath and respond appropriately to physical stimulation of verbal commands.*
- General Anesthetic:** *Controlled state of unconsciousness performed by an anesthesiologist in a hospital or surgery center.*

*I have read this paper and the behavior management methods have been explained to me.  
I consent to their use for my child/children.*

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Doctor

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Date

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Parent or Guardian

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Date