

# Dr. Shruti Kulkarni CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC



**Dear Parents,**

**We understand your concerns about your child's dental problems and we are willing to help you to solve the same. However, in the present scenario of COVID 19 pandemic, yours and your child's safety is also our top priority.**

**We are following infection control protocols as per the recommendations of the Indian Dental Association (IDA) and US Centre for Disease control (CDC).**

**We would also need your cooperation for your child's safe dental visit.**

## **OUR NEW OPERATING PROTOCOL**

**In contrast to our previous method of "dental treatment over multiple visits", we now intend to minimize the number of dental visits as well as their duration for yours and your child's protection.**

**In accordance with this, the sequence of your child's dental treatment would be:**

**1<sup>st</sup> appointment: Video Consultation with parents**

**2<sup>nd</sup> appointment: Video Interaction with child**

**3<sup>rd</sup> appointment: Visit to dental clinic for treatment**

## **WHY VIDEO CONSULTATION?**

- 1. Dentist gets an opportunity to understand your child's concerns so as to give you an appropriate treatment plan and solve the current problem.**
- 2. Parents get an opportunity to understand the different treatment options and take decision for treatment.**
- 3. The dental clinic and staff can be prepared well in advance if the treatment has been decided through previous communication.**
- 4. It is the best way to prepare you and your child for the new norms of the dental visit in the COVID 19 scenario.**

**You will be guided about the next video interaction followed by your dental visit during your video consultation appointment. Expenses of dental treatment will also be informed during the same.**

## **HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR VIDEO CONSULTATION?**

**Timings for video consultation:**

**Monday to Saturday: 12.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

**2 simple steps to schedule your video consultation with Dr. Shruti**

**STEP 1: Download Skype app in your mobile phone/laptop/desktop.**

**STEP 2: Make payment of Rs. 500/- as consultation fees on QR code sent to you.**

## **WHY VIDEO INTERACTION BETWEEN CHILD AND DENTIST?**

**As a part of the infection control measures, dentist and assistants have to wear protective gears like a gown, face mask, face shield, head cap etc. and children may be uncomfortable to see them in this different attire. A small fun filled interaction with the dentist on a video call will help to make the child comfortable with the dentist so that the child can cooperate for treatment.**

## **VISIT TO DENTAL CLINIC**

**Timings of clinic:**

**Monday to Saturday: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm**

**Your child's dental visit will be scheduled only by prior appointment. We request you to kindly stick to the appointment time as we have to spend extra time in sanitization of the clinic before and after every appointment for your safety. We also request you to inform us one day prior in case of any changes in appointment time.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR VISIT TO DENTAL CLINIC**

- 1. Brush your child's teeth before appointment.**
- 2. Use the washroom at home itself.**
- 3. Wearing a mask is mandatory for you and your child.**
- 4. We encourage only one of the parents with the child in the dental clinic.**
- 5. Come directly to dental clinic from your home without visiting any other place like grocery store, market, office etc. Also, do not bring any valuables or unnecessary items to clinic.**
- 6. We are trying to avoid waiting time in the clinic to maintain social distancing norms. Also, we sanitize our clinic after every appointment. To help us ensure this, please wait in your vehicle till we ask you to enter the clinic.**
- 7. Kindly read the consent form before your appointment. You will need to sign it before procedure.**
- 8. Kindly make payment for procedure only by card or Google Pay to avoid cash payment**
- 9. Kindly ask all your queries about the treatment during video consultation to minimize the duration of your appointment.**
- 10. Kindly prepare your child well for his/her dental visit.**

Looking forward to give a great, safe and fun filled dental experience to you and your child!

**Best regards,**

**Dr. Shruti Kulkarni & Team**