



Children's Dental Columbia

Our doctors are members of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and are board certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. They follow their guidelines for treatment recommendations. They do not go against their recommendations simply because an insurance company may not cover a procedure. If they did so, they would not be providing the very best care for your child. Many employers select insurance plans for their employees that minimize the coverage of certain dental procedures. This does not mean that the procedures are not necessary. If parents desire not to have a procedure provided for any reason, it is necessary for the parent to sign a release so that our doctors will not be held responsible for any detrimental effects this may create.

As specialists in pediatric dentistry, our doctors feel very strongly that children need professional fluoride treatments. Many community water supplies no longer have the level of fluoride needed to reduce the occurrence of tooth decay. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry affirms that fluoride treatment is a safe and effective procedure to reduce the risk of cavities and reverse weakened enamel. Fluoride treatments are most beneficial when fluoride is applied to teeth that have been professionally cleaned. Refusal of professional fluoride treatments puts children at a higher risk of developing tooth decay.

I am being provided this information and refusal form so I may fully understand the procedure recommended for my child and the consequences of this refusal. I wish to be provided with enough information to make a well-informed decision regarding the treatment procedure proposed.

I have received the above information about fluoride treatments. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have them fully answered. I understand the risk in refusing fluoride treatments for my child.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Dentist or Office Representative)