

## **General Informed Consent**

Pearland Pediatric Dentistry's mission is to provide the highest quality pediatric dental care and dental education to our patient's and their families in a safe, comfortable, and compassionate kid-friendly environment.

State law requires Pearland Pediatric Dentistry to obtain verbal and written consent before any dental oral surgical services can be provided for our patients. Our policy is to inform the parent/guardian before we perform and procedures. Once permission is granted, we can conduct the following procedures if needed: comprehensive clinical examination, diagnostic x-rays, intra-oral photographs, thorough dental cleaning, and preventative fluoride treatments.

If further dental treatment is required, we must get consent for various procedures that may include, but are not limited to: local anesthesia, controlled nitrous oxide / oxygen sedation (known as laughing gas), extractions, and dental restorations. We will inform you of all treatment options, but will also inform you of the recommended treatment plan. We employ a few behavioral management techniques such as a tooth pillow (a comfortable device used to keep the patients mouth open) and the "tell-show-do" method, modeling, and voice control.

If your child requires operative treatment / dental restorations, there exist some risks. These occur very rarely and include: numbness, infection, swelling, bleeding, pain, bruising, discoloration, nausea, vomiting, allergic reactions, and aspiration or swallowing of a foreign object.

We stress the importance of arriving promptly for all pre-scheduled appointments. If you are unable to arrive on time or if you need to reschedule an appointment, please contact us as early as possible. If you have to cancel an appointment and it is within 24 hours of the appointment there will be a \$35.00 charge per appointment.

If there are any questions pertaining to this form or the information contained within it, or any other aspect of our dental philosophy or patient management, feel free to ask us.

Once agreement is established this consent shall remain in full force until cancelled by either party. Thanks for your cooperation.