

Guideline on Behavior Guidance for the Pediatric Dental Patient

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Purpose

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recognizes that, in providing oral health care for infants, children, adolescents, and persons with special health care needs, a continuum of both nonpharmacological and pharmacological behavior guidance techniques may be used by dental health care providers. The various behavior guidance techniques used must be tailored to the individual patient and practitioner. Promoting a positive dental attitude, safety, and quality of care are of the utmost importance. This guideline is intended to educate health care providers, parents, and other interested parties about many behavior guidance techniques used in contemporary pediatric dentistry. It will not attempt to duplicate information found in greater detail in the AAPD's Clinical Guideline on Appropriate Use of Nitrous Oxide for Pediatric Dental Patients,¹ Guidelines for Monitoring and Management of Pediatric Patients During and After Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures: An Update,² and Clinical Guideline on the Use of Anesthesia Care Providers in the Administration of In-office Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia to the Pediatric Dental Patient.³

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Methods

This guideline was developed following the AAPD's 1989 consensus conference on behavior management for the pediatric dental patient.Â In 2003, the AAPD held another symposium on behavior guidance, with proceedings published in Pediatric Dentistry (2004, Vol. 26, No. 2).Â This revision reflects a review of those proceedings, other dental and medical literature related to behavior guidance of the pediatric patient, and sources of recognized professional expertise and stature including both the academic and practicing pediatric dental communities and the standards of the Commission on Dental Accreditation.⁴ MEDLINE searches were performed using key terms such as "behavior management in children", "behavior management in dentistry", "child behavior and dentistry", "child and dental anxiety", "child preschool and dental anxiety", "child personality and test", "child preschool personality and test", "patient cooperation", "dentists and personality", "dentist-patient relations", "patient assessment", "treatment deferral", and "restraint".Â Continue...Â

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