

The parent(s) or guardians of a minor patient must fill out the Medical History Form for a minor patient as changes occur and at each cleaning/exam appointment. It is important to the health of your child that you update their medical history. The adult accompanying a minor to appointment is responsible for payment. A parent or guardian must accompany the minor patient—please come with your child to the appointment or treatment may have to be denied. It is sometimes necessary to make treatment decisions during a dental appointment. These decisions need to be made by a parent, not the dentist. If an adult is not with the minor patient, then treatment decisions made will be what the dentist perceives is in the patient's best interest and it will be the parents/guardians responsibility to cover the cost of such treatment.

The American Dental Association recommends fluoride every 6 months. Fluoride helps prevent decay by rematerializing (strengthening) the tooth. Some insurance providers cover one time per year, however please note that twice a year is best for your child's good oral hygiene.

A minor may consent to treatment in these situations:

- If living apart from parents or legal guardians and managing his or her own financial affairs
- If the minor is or has been married
- If the minor has borne a child
- If the minor needs emergency treatment

