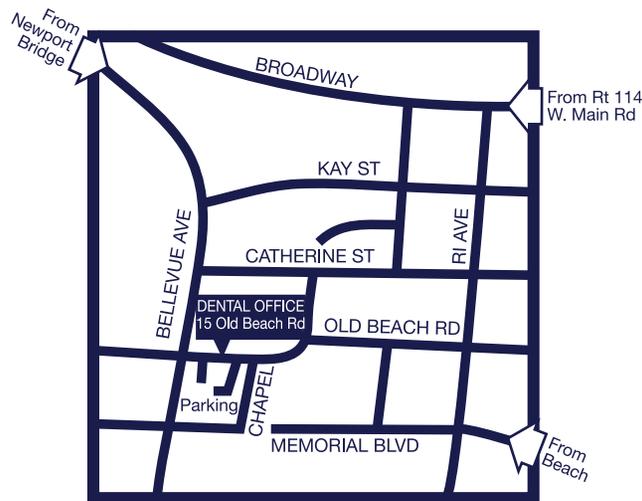


INSURANCE

As a convenience to you, we will assist in processing your insurance. Remember that you, and not your insurance carrier, are responsible for payment of services rendered in our office.

A FINAL WORD

We are always available to answer questions, and we welcome your suggestions. By listening to your thoughts, ideas and requests, we can continually make changes to further bring you and your child the most pleasurable dental experience available.



Newport Pediatric Dentistry

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WELCOME

On behalf of the entire staff, we welcome you to our office. We strive to make office visits comfortable and enjoyable, as well as productive and rewarding. Your child's smile can last a lifetime, and it's our goal to provide thorough and gentle care that can make this a reality. We look forward to meeting you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The specialty of Pediatric Dentistry concerns itself with the practice and teaching of comprehensive oral health care for children from birth through adolescence. This also involves working with children who have mental disorders and physical disabilities.

Children who have their first dental experience when they are very young are likely to have a favorable outlook toward dental care throughout their lives. You, as parents, play a very important role in getting your child started with a positive attitude toward dental care. Be completely natural and easygoing when you tell your child about the appointment with the dentist. This approach will enable your child to view it as an opportunity to meet some new people who are interested in him/her and want to help him/her to stay healthy. We enjoy children and know how to work with them. We encourage parents to accompany their child during the first visit. This allows for a positive shared experience and provides us with information individual to your child.

FIRST VISIT

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) suggests that parents should make an initial "well-baby" appointment with a pediatric dentist at approximately the time of eruption of the first tooth, or no later than the child's first birthday.

Although this may seem surprisingly early, the incidence of infant and toddler tooth decay has been rising in recent years. Tooth decay and early cavities can be exceptionally painful if they are not attended to immediately, and can also set the scene for poor oral health in later childhood.

The purpose of this first visit is to establish a positive relationship with the child and evaluate the child's dental health as a guide to future treatment. Usually during this first visit we:

1. examine the erupted teeth for cavities, the gums for infection, and other mouth tissues for abnormalities.
2. evaluate occlusion—the way teeth come together.
3. check for sufficient room for the permanent teeth.
4. determine the effects of childhood habits (i.e., thumb-sucking).
5. may take selected x-ray views of the mouth to locate decay, infections in the bone, position and location of unerupted teeth.
6. review preventive measures such as toothbrushing, flossing, fluoride and diet.

After the examination we will review our findings and recommendations with you. This allows us to discuss the treatment, the number of appointments needed, the estimated fee, and your role as a parent in your child's dental care program.

AND MORE . . .

1. Good general health depends in a large part upon the development of good habits such as sensible eating and sleeping routines, exercise, recreation, and the like. Dental health also depends upon good habits—including proper tooth brushing, regular visits to the dentist, and avoidance of excessive sweets. We will have a chance to discuss these points further during your child's appointments.
2. Because children grow quickly and changes in the mouth occur so rapidly, it is essential that examination (including x-rays when needed), prophylaxis (teeth cleaning), and fluoride treatments be performed every six months.

APPOINTMENTS

We value both your time and ours. Every effort will be made to be on time for your appointments. Occasionally an emergency may occur which may cause a slight delay. Late afternoon appointments are reserved for secondary school children as convenience for working parents. Children in preschool and primary grades are usually seen in the morning. School absence forms will be provided if needed. No charge will be made for rescheduling your appointment provided 24 hours notice is given so that your child's time can be given to another patient.

FEES

Our fees are based on the actual work provided. Payment should be made at each visit when treatment is rendered.