Managing a child’s behavior is an important part of every dental visit. Behavior management methods in the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic are directed toward the goals of communication, education, and the safe delivery of care.

Four behavior management techniques are used with almost all children. Descriptions of these techniques --- Tell-Show-Do, Positive Reinforcement, Distraction, and Voice Control --- are available in the pamphlet you received at your child’s first visit.

Children with precooperative or disruptive behavior pose risks to themselves and our staff during dental treatment. There are several means available to us to assist your child and allow us to complete the dental treatment. These techniques require your consent as indicated below.

**PHYSICAL RESTRAINT**
Partial or complete immobilization of the patient sometimes is necessary to enable us to provide care to protect the patient and/or the dental staff from injury. Restraint may be performed by the dentist, staff member, or parent. Restraint may also involve the use of a restraining device, such as a Papoose Board®, Pedi-Wrap®, and/or a mouth prop.

Indication for use of restraint:

Type of restraint(s) to be used:

**NITROUS OXIDE AND OXYGEN INHALATION SEDATION**
The use of nitrous oxide and oxygen inhalation sedation is a safe and effective technique for the management of children with mild anxiety, and in other situations.

Indications for use:

**CONSENT FOR RESTRAINT AND/OR NITROUS OXIDE AND OXYGEN INHALATION SEDATION**
I hereby authorize and request Dr. [Test Test] to perform dental treatment for [Test Test] using the technique(s) specified above to aid in the management of my child’s behavior. I understand and have been advised of the indications, benefits, and risks of using these techniques, as well as the alternatives (see below) to these techniques and the consequences of delaying treatment.

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*Patient’s or legal guardian’s signature*  
*Date*

*Witness’s signature*  
*Date*

*Treating Dentist’s signature*  
*Date*
**CONSCIOUS SEDATION**
Conscious sedation is the use of drugs to obtain a minimally depressed level of consciousness that retains the patient’s ability to maintain his/her breathing independently and to respond to verbal commands and physical stimulation. If your child is a candidate for conscious sedation, the dentist will review that with you in more depth and will obtain consent on a separate form.

**GENERAL ANESTHESIA**
Providing dental care under general anesthesia in the hospital operating room is necessary for some patients because of medical or mental disabilities, unmanageable behavior, high treatment needs, and/or long commutes to MCG. If your child is a candidate for general anesthesia, the dentist will review that with you in more depth and will obtain consent on a separate form.

**REFERRAL TO ANOTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**
In the event that we are unable to safely manage your child’s behavior, we will consider referral to other healthcare professionals for evaluation and treatment. In that event, we will discuss our recommendations with you.