Geshay Pediatric Dentistry, P.C. James B. Geshay Jr., D.D.S. 634 Pittsburgh Road Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 439-1576

PARENT OPERATORY GUIDELINES

Dear Parents:

You may choose whether or not you accompany your child into the treatment operatory. Although we sense that some children do better without the parents present, we are open to having you with your child. If you choose to be present, we suggest the following guidelines to improve the chances of a positive outcome:

- 1. Allow **us** to prepare your child.
- 2. Be supportive of the practice's terminology.
- 3. Please be a **"silent observer"** support your child with touches
 - a. This allows us to maintain communication with your child.
 - b. Children will normally listen to their parents instead of us and may not hear our guidance.
 - c. You may give incorrect or misleading information.
- 4. During this initial treatment attempt, if your child is not responding well, a decision will be made to proceed in one of two ways:
 - **a.** You might be asked to leave be ready to immediately walk away.
 - 1. "Acting out" is normal, but unacceptable during treatment.
 - 2. This is intended to "short circuit" the control attempt.
 - 3. We will continue to support your child at all times.
 - 4. Within a few minutes, an assessment will be made as to the success of this approach. If unsuccessful within five minutes, treatment will be discontinued and you will be asked to return to the operatory.
 - **b.** Or Dr. Geshay and his staff might suggest the use of a sedative to help assure your child is comfortable and allows the quality completion of his/her therapy.
 - 1. If a sedative is administered, this may require that your child remains in the office for one (1) hour.
 - 2. There will be an additional charge for the administration of Demerol.
 - 3. Your insurance may or may not cover this expense.

These are very important ways that you can actively help in the success of your child's visit. We are confident that all will go well and hope these guidelines will help prepare you with confidence for the upcoming appointments.