

*As pediatric dentists, we enjoy treating children.*

*That is why we have received special training to help guide children through the dental experience and make it pleasurable and rewarding. Our approach is as follows.*

### **Tell-Show-Do**

Tell—Show—Do is a method used to explain and prepare children for their dental treatment. First we explain what is to be done. Then we show how it is done, and finally we perform the procedure.

Parents may accompany their child to the operatory for a dental procedure. However, once the child is settled, we ask that parents return to the waiting area so the child's attention is directly focused on us. When the procedure is completed, we will bring your child out to you, give any necessary instructions, and answer any questions.

### **Nitrous Oxide Sedation**

Some children are given nitrous oxide (laughing gas) to reduce anxiety during dental treatment/ the nitrous oxide is given through a small breathing mask which is placed over the child's nose, enabling them to relax, but without putting them to sleep. As soon as the mask is removed, the effects of the gas wear off within 5 minutes. Although we find the use of nitrous oxide extremely helpful for many patients, it may not be a covered insurance benefit. Since local anesthetic will be used, your child will have a numb lip or gum for approximately 2 hours. During this period, your child may need to be monitored carefully to avoid unintentional lip biting.

### **General Anesthesia**

General anesthesia is used for children who are unable to cooperate and have a lot of dental treatment to be done. A qualified anesthesiologist anesthetizes the child in the operating room and provides medical monitoring during treatment. The dentistry can then be completed comfortably in one session. Dr. Lindner, Dr. Englander, or Dr. Casaverde performs this treatment at the One-Day Surgery Center at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

### ***How we Feel***

*We love children and that sentiment guides our hand. Each of us recognizes the incomparable precious bond you have to your children. Therefore we respect and value the trust you place in us in caring for them. While reactions and results can never be guaranteed, our sincere best efforts are absolutely assured.*