

# Practice Terminology

Dear Parents,

In order to improve chances of your child having a positive experience in our office, we are selective in our use of words. We try to avoid words that scare your child.

Please support us by abstaining from using negative words that are often used for dental care. Rather, please use our equivalent words. This will also help you understand your child's description of their dental experience.

Our intention is not to "fool" the child- it is to create an experience that is positive.

## Don't Use

Hurt  
Needle or shot  
Drill  
Drill on tooth  
Pull or yank tooth  
Decay  
Examination  
Tooth cleaning  
Explorer  
Rubber dam  
Gas

## Our Equivalent

Uncomfortable  
Sleepy drops  
Whistle  
Clean a tooth  
Wiggle a tooth out  
Cavity bug  
Count teeth  
Tickle teeth  
Tooth counter  
Raincoat  
Clown nose/magic air

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us build a good attitude for your child!

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