



## Jerger Pediatric Dentistry, P.C.

Practice Limited to Infants, Children & Teens

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■ PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
■ ORTHODONTICS

Welcome! We look forward to meeting you and your child at your first visit to our office. Our goal is to provide excellent care in a family, friendly environment by our experienced staff. As a specialist in Pediatric Dentistry, my office is structured to accommodate our young patients. In order for you and your child to feel at home, I would like to take a few minutes to familiarize you with my practice.

Children's dentistry is the gateway to a lifetime of healthy teeth. Since many adults have a fear of dentistry, they wait until they have a serious problem to seek treatment. We provide treatments, such as sealants and small fillings to prevent these incidents. Orthodontic problems may also be prevented, or the severity lessened by early recognition and treatment. We will care for your child the same way we would one of our own. It is important to know that I have received an additional two years of pediatric dentistry training at Riley Children's Hospital, earning a specialist degree in Pediatric Dentistry from Indiana University, and have worked with the specific dental needs and behaviors of children for over 20 years.

At your first visit, we start with a tour of the office to meet me and my staff. You will accompany your child to the treatment area for a meet and greet with a photo, and then return to the reception area. Your child will then receive a thorough clinical exam and the necessary digital X-rays. After the examination and X-rays have been read, your child's oral health, proposed treatment plan and financial arrangements will be discussed with you. We encourage any questions at this point.

Our first priority is to establish communication and trust with your child. Our staff is not only concerned about the oral health of your child, but we make a special effort to become your child's friend. We ask your help with setting the stage for this communication by telling your child that we will help them have healthy teeth. Dental visits are a part of growing up. Please do not indicate in any way there is anything to fear. Remember, tears are healthy avenue of expression for a child when facing the unknown. **Do not be disturbed or embarrassed if your child cries.** Once a child becomes familiar with the new dental surroundings, the apprehension will disappear. We **NEVER** use the words shot, needle, pull, yank, hurt, pain, blood or drill. We use more child friendly terms that will not cause fear. We will also use a technique known as the "Tell, Show, Do" and positive reinforcement to educate your child while completing the necessary treatment. We will tell your child what we are going to do, show them what we are going to do, and then perform the procedure. After the treatment appointment is completed, our staff will praise your child's cooperation, creating a sense of pride for this accomplishment.

As a final note, we would appreciate your arriving 30 minutes early for this appointment to fill out medical history information. Also, payment is expected in full at time of service. If you have dental insurance, we will be happy to process your forms. Our staff can also explain our payment plan options. We appreciate this opportunity to care for your family and look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bret Jerger  
Specialist in Pediatric Dentistry

**WINTER/SCHOOL HOURS:**

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**SUMMER HOURS:**

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.