

Pediatric Dental Care Checklist

- P** **Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS):** Dentist & staff trained? Ask to see current certification.
- E** **Emergency Mock Drills:** Ask if it is performed on a monthly basis.
- D** **Dental & Medical History:** Ask if it is conducted at each visit.
- I** **Informed Consent Form:** Ask to see it.
- A** **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED):** Ask to see it.
- T** **Temper Tantrums:** Ask how your child is kept calm. Papoose Boards can cause airway constriction.
- R** **Respiratory Distress:** Ask how they monitor for it?
- I** **In-Room Observation by Parent or Guardian:** Ask if they allow it.
- C** **Children are Different from Adults:** Ask how they are prepared to handle the differences.
- D** **Designated Plan:** Ask how the office reacts to an emergency. Red Flag: "We call 911".
- E** **Equipment & Emergency Drug Kit:** Ask to see them.
- N** **Neurological Risk Assessment:** Ask how it is performed.
- T** **Teeth:** Ask how the problematic tooth is confirmed.
- A** **Allergy and Anaphylaxis:** Ask how they are prepared for this?
- L** **Links:** Ask if they've taken the Six Links Pledge.
- C** **Colds and Sniffles:** Ask how they address immune issues.
- A** **Anxiety Constricted Breathing:** Ask what their stress reduction protocol is.
- R** **Response:** Ask if the entire team is trained to respond to a medical emergency?
- E** **Emergency Protocol Manual:** Ask to see.