



"Extra Care Needed, Please"

Open and honest communication with our patients is of the utmost importance to us. With that in mind, we have developed this list of common concerns or problems that can prevent people from seeking dental care. Knowing your concerns helps us make your visit more pleasant. Please check any of the following concerns that apply to you:

_____ I gag easily.

_____ I don't like cotton or gauze in my mouth.

_____ I don't like to hear the noise of the drill.

_____ I hate shots or needles, especially in my mouth.

_____ I don't like to lie back in the dental chair because it makes me feel like I'm suffocating.

_____ I'm claustrophobic, please don't hover over me while I'm reclined in the dental chair.

_____ I don't like the sound or feel of the instruments that "pick" at my teeth.

_____ I'm really concerned about feeling pain or feeling what you are doing.

_____ I have health problems or questions that we need to discuss.

_____ I have not been to the dentist for a long time and I am embarrassed about the condition of my teeth and dental health, and it concerns me what you will think of me.

_____ I would like for you to be honest and upfront with me about the work I need and explain it to me in terms that I can understand.

_____ I have difficulty listening and remembering what I am told while I am in the dental chair – I would appreciate papers or brochures I can take home and read about my condition or dental needs.

_____ I don't want to be left sitting in the reception area or dental chair for a long time. Please respect my time.