

Review Visits

As children grow and develop many changes occur within and around the mouth; teeth are lost and replaced, the jaws change to fit the new adult teeth and the face develops.

After your child's initial treatment advice as to how often your child should return for checks with either Dr Cornwell or with your family dentist will be given.

Payment

The initial consultation takes about 45 minutes and costs \$110, if radiographs are required an additional cost of \$40-\$100 may be incurred.

Payment is required at the end of each appointment. A receipt will be issued for claims to your health fund. Our practice has no direct contact with dental funds.

A pre-treatment deposit is required as confirmation of major treatment such as procedures under general anaesthetic.

EFTPOS (visa, MC) is available for your convenience.

Your appointment:

Day/Date: _____

Time: _____

How to find us

Our practice is located on the first floor or Broadmeadow Day Surgery with a carpark in Young Rd

From Broadmeadow (via Lambton Rd) drive over the rail-bridge and take the first left into Market St then right into Young Rd

From Newcastle or Charlestown travel to Broadmeadow Railway station (Newcastle side) and turn right into Young Rd

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Information for Patients and Parents



Specialist Paediatric Dentist
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Welcome to our practice

What is a Paediatric Dentist:

Paediatric dentists are a specialist group of dentists trained to provide comprehensive dental care for children from infancy until adulthood.

Newcastle Paediatric Dental Services is one of the first specialist paediatric practices in regional Australia.

Making children confident at the dentist:

While children may have a slight fear of the unknown, most children are not afraid at their dental visits.

A previous bad experience at a dental visit or with another health care professional may cause a child to be scared.

Inadvertant comments by siblings, family members and friends may also be a cause of dental fear in a young child.

It is our aim that children enter adult life with a positive attitude towards the maintenance of oral health.

Your child's first visit

Some ideas of what to tell children before their first visit:

- Discuss the upcoming visit in a frank but positive way
- Explain that they might have a ride in the special chair and have their teeth counted
- Avoid *fear-provoking* words, if you tell a child that "it wont hurt" there is an immediate concern that it will

At the first visit:

- It is important that a parent or caregiver is with a child for their first visit so that we can discuss any findings with you.
- While examining your child's teeth we ask that you observe passively, children are easily distracted and will respond to a parent's voice.
- Your child's first visit will include a thorough dental examination, radiographs (x-rays) may also be taken.
- Subsequent visits will then be arranged for complete dental treatment, including oral hygiene and risk assessment for the prevention of future dental disease.

Profile

Dr Helen Cornwell completed her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in Adelaide after which she worked in regional NSW, SA and Victoria. Helen then moved to Melbourne to undertake her specialist training at The University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital then attaining membership of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (2000).

Helen is a Visiting Officer at the John Hunter Children's Hospital as a part of their cleft palate team as well as working with the University of Newcastle as a part of their Oral Health Unit. Helen has lectured both locally and internationally on all aspects of paediatric dentistry, dental trauma and sport dentistry. She is a member of: Australian Dental Association; Australasian Academy for Paediatric Dentistry; Australian and New Zealand Society for Paediatric Dentistry as well as being Australia's rep. for the International Society for Sport Dentistry and Trauma.

Kathy McGuinness is an experienced dental assistant and practice manager. She initially trained in Melbourne but relocated to Newcastle ten years ago. As a professional and a mum she has a wonderful understanding of the needs of both referring practitioners and parents.

Leanne Newell is the latest addition to our team. She has extensive experience as a dental assistant working both chairside and in theatre. She is currently furthering her knowledge by undertaking TAFE qualifications in Oral Health.