



Hello

Thank you for your interest in our practice.

ABC Dentistry is a specialist paediatric dental practice dedicated to treating and preventing tooth decay in children. We also offer advice regarding the growth and development of your child, referring children for specialist orthodontic treatment at the appropriate time. Your child's individual needs will always be our priority when you attend our practice.

Your child will receive a comprehensive examination in our practice. This will either be done directly by Dr Kylie Pearce, a specialist paediatric dentist. The consultation appointment is the most important visit, taking at least half an hour to assess your child's medical history, growth and development and other factors that can lead to your child developing tooth decay, before we finally look at the mouth. All of this is done before we look into the mouth. Tooth decay is a very complex disease, and can only be prevented if we take the time to look closely at many factors that influence it.

In our practice the aim is to ensure that we properly evaluate the risk factors that you have for tooth decay, and to help you understand how to prevent this disease happening for your child in the future. Tooth decay is preventable, but only if you are seen early, and problems are addressed.

In the examination we will:

- Take a thorough history before reviewing your child
- Take a pH reading of your child's saliva to screen for acid buffering function
- Take a bacteria test using the CariFree screening system to evaluate the level of acid producing bacteria naturally occurring on the surface of the teeth
- Review the effectiveness of tooth brushing and give advice on improving this
- Take xrays to assess the presence of cavities in areas that cannot be seen
- Give you an overview of your child's current oral health and potential future orthodontic needs, and most importantly their caries risk
- We will then advise of a preventive routine that would be appropriate for your child

Our consultations are billed under item number 011, 014, or 016 depending on how long the consultation takes and how detailed it is.

- Consultations could be : 011 at \$90, 014 and 016 are \$115
- Xrays if needed are billed under 022 at a cost of \$41 the first film, and \$37.50 for the second film. On occasion other types of xrays may be required.

It is not usual for us to provide any treatment at the initial consultation. This is because children need time to gain confidence and trust with the person that is going to provide care to them. The initial consultation is also a very detailed visit that in itself takes at least half an hour to complete fully. If a child has had a difficult experience in the past, it is important for them to have a visit where they can be assured that nothing is going to happen to them. We will provide a plan for providing care for your child, that they will be able to cope with. This could involve simple preventive strategies, treatment under nitrous oxide sedation, local anaesthetic or under general anaesthetic. I will only quote for treatment to be completed in the way that achieves the best results for your child. I have been treating children for 10 years, and have a good appreciation for what is involved with completing high quality care for your child. I have worked at the Children's Hospital in Brisbane and Melbourne, and am specifically trained in the management of children with special needs. I am passionate about helping you achieve the best dental health for your child, and look forward to meeting you.

Please contact us if you have any questions, or visit us on our [Facebook page](#) to see our practice and get more information.

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