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## DENTAL TREATMENT DURING PREGNANCY – PATIENT EDUCATION

This document provides a summary about dental treatment during pregnancy. Be sure to ask your dentist any specific questions related to your care.

During your first trimester of pregnancy, only emergency dental needs will be considered.

The second trimester and the first half of the third trimester is generally considered the safest time to provide dental treatment. Some simple restorative procedures and periodontal maintenance may be recommended during this time to eliminate potential problems and control active disease.

If your preventative care program continues in to your third trimester, adjustments may be needed to chair positioning to prevent lightheadedness. Periodically positioning yourself on your left side will help alleviate any faint feeling.

Dental radiographs, performed properly with the use of a lead abdominal shield, pose an extremely LOW risk to your growing baby. However, in the interest of safety, radiographs are generally postponed during pregnancy. If an emergency dental situation presents, the fewest number of images necessary to obtain the correct diagnosis will be taken.

To assist with coordinating your dental care, please provide the name and contact information for your obstetrician:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please continue to provide our office with updated information regarding any changes to your medical conditions and medications, so that we can ensure that we are providing you the best care possible care during your pregnancy.

### Patient Acknowledgment

My signature below acknowledges I that have read and understand this document, that I understand the information provided to me by the doctor and staff, and that my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

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Printed Patient's Name

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Patient Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature

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Date

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Printed Name of Witness

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Witness Signature

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