Welcome to the Children’s Clinic

We are concerned about your child's total health care. Good oral health is an important part of total health.

Our student dentists implement preventive dental health measures and encourage habits that keep your child free from development of dental/oral disease.

We focus on prevention, early detection and treatment of dental decay, and keep current on the latest advances in dentistry for children.

Student dentists work under the supervision of licensed dental professionals. Our talented and dedicated staff enjoys working with children and each team member has special training in making children feel at ease. You are encouraged to accompany your child into the clinic to help ease fears or anxieties during their appointment.

Designed with your child in mind

Our specialty is Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and we are dedicated to serving children. At the Children's Clinic our goal is to help children achieve optimum oral health in a setting designed especially for them. Our bright and colourful clinic provides a relaxed and fun environment for your child.

Getting an early start in regular dental care is an important step on the road to teaching your child healthy lifetime habits.

Parking

Dental patient parking is available directly in front of the Dental Clinic, in the Medical Sciences/Dental Clinic lot. The fee for parking is $6.00.

Accessible parking is also available in this lot and a wheelchair is available on site.

Clinic Hours

Clinics are operational during the academic year (September to June.) All visits are by appointment only.

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Becoming a patient

The Children’s Dental Clinic generally accepts patients between the ages of two and 12 years-old. To determine if your child has dental or orthodontic needs that can be met by our student dentists, you can book your first appointment by contacting the clinic.

A screening appointment will then be scheduled for your child for either regular dental work or an orthodontic assessment. In some cases the dental work required may be deemed too complex or beyond the scope of practice of our student dentists. Your child will then be referred elsewhere for treatment.

First appointment

The first appointment usually involves very little treatment. This visit gives your child an opportunity to meet the dentist in a non-threatening and friendly way.

We will check all of your child’s existing teeth for decay, examine your child’s bite, and look for any potential problems with the gums, jaw, and oral tissues. If indicated, the dentist will take radiographs, clean teeth and assess the need for fluoride. Information about oral health care basics for children and dental developmental will be provided to you and your child.

Student dentists

The Dental Clinic is a teaching program where patients are selected based on the requirements of our educational program and the ability of our student dentists to manage the case. Not all cases will be accepted.

Student dentists provide complete dental services under the direct supervision of a qualified dentist.

Patient responsibilities

- You must be willing to bring your child into the clinic when their assigned dental student is available; every effort is made to accommodate busy schedules.
- Ensure you have enough time to keep appointments. (Each appointment may be up to three hours in length.)
- Plan to arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled appointment.
- If you cannot keep an appointment please contact the clinic at least 48 hours before the appointment. Cancelling on short notice or missing more than three appointments may result in your withdrawal from the clinic.
- Pay regularly as treatments are completed.

Clinic fees

The fee for your child’s screening appointment is $20. If your child is accepted as a patient, your student dentist will do a complete examination of your child’s mouth. The proposed treatment plan, required time commitments and the estimated fees will be discussed with you before any treatment is started.

The dental treatment is not free; however, clinic fees are 60% of the amount a private dentist would charge.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque, money order, debit card or Visa/Mastercard and are due following the completion of each appointment. In some cases a payment plan may be arranged.

Private Dental Insurance

Families with private dental plans are responsible for paying their accounts at the time of treatment. Assistance with the completion of insurance forms to submit for reimbursement from your insurance company is available.

Government Assistance

The necessary forms and authorization are required at each appointment in order for the clinic to collect directly from the government agency. You are responsible for any balances not covered by the agency.