Welcome to our office

The doctors and staff at Eastside Pediatric Dental Group would like to welcome you and thank you for choosing us to help your child develop a positive attitude towards dental care and to help your child achieve a lifetime of excellent oral health. Our office specializes in caring for the oral health needs of all children from infancy through high school, including children with special health care needs. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality dental care with patience and understanding in a warm, caring and friendly environment. As pediatric dentists, we feel a child is never too young to establish good oral hygiene habits and start down the road of good oral health.

You and your children will find our staff friendly and pleasant. They know how to put children at ease and have many fun ways of getting children to relax and be cooperative. Every effort will be made to make your child’s visit an enjoyable one. Please visit our website at www.eastsidepediatricdentalgroup.com to learn more about our office, doctors and staff.
Meet the Doctors

Dr. John R. Liu

Dr. Liu is a native of Southern California and a 1986 graduate of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry located in Southern California. Upon graduating from dental school, he was accepted into the pediatric dental residency program at Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. After completing his residency in the summer of 1988, he returned to Loma Linda to join the faculty as an assistant professor of Pediatric Dentistry and received an appointment in the Department of Pediatrics at the medical school.

In 1992, Dr. Liu became the Dental Chief for the Odessa Brown Children’s Clinic in Seattle. Following successful relocation and expansion of the dental clinic in 1994, Dr. Liu entered private practice in Issaquah. Since that time, the practice has grown from a small house on Front St. with three dental chairs to our current location with 10 dental chairs, a surgery suite, and a recovery area.

Dr. Liu is active outside the practice in many professional and non-profit organizations. In the past, he has served on the boards of the Seattle Children’s Museum and the Washington Dental Service Foundation. He has also served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Seattle-King County Dental Society. In May of 2010, he will assume his newest responsibility as the President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He has also received several honors and awards from his peers having been inducted into the American College of Dentists in 1999, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 2007. Dr. Liu is currently on the medical staff at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Sally Sue Lombardi

Dr. Lombardi was born and raised in Yakima. She joined Dr. Liu in the summer of 1996 following the completion of her pediatric dental residency at the University of Washington School of Dentistry at Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Lombardi is a 1992 graduate of the University of Washington, School of Dentistry and completed a general practice residency through University of Washington Medical Center in 1993. While rotating through the Odessa Brown Children’s Clinic and Children’s Hospital Department of Dental Medicine during her general practice residency, Dr. Lombardi decided to pursue pediatric dentistry as her specialty.

Dr. Lombardi is active in many professional organizations: The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, Washington State Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Washington State Dental Association, Seattle-King County Dental Society, and the Northwest Pediatric Dental Study Club. Over the years she has held many offices in these various organizations, most recently serving as Treasurer for the Washington State Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. She is also currently on the medical staff at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Donna Quinby

Dr. Quinby is a native of New Jersey; joined the practice in 1999. After graduating from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey — New Jersey Dental School in 1995, she relocated to Seattle for her general practice residency program at the University of Washington Medical Center (1995-1996) and the pediatric dental residency at the University of Washington School of Dentistry and Seattle Children’s Hospital which she completed in 1998.

Dr. Quinby discovered her desire to specialize in pediatric dentistry during her rotations as a general practice resident at Children’s Hospital and the Odessa Brown Clinic. Dr. Quinby was a member of the dental department at Children’s until March of 2008 where she focused on treating children with special health care needs.

Dr. Quinby holds professional memberships with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, Washington State Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Washington State Dental Association, Seattle King County Dental Society, and the Northwest Pediatric Dental Study Club. Dr. Quinby is a member of EcoDentistry Association which is an organization that focuses on making dental practices eco-friendly, and Special Care Dentistry Association which is an organization of oral health professionals and other individuals who are dedicated to promoting oral health and well being for people with special needs.

Dr. Quinby is currently on the medical staff at Seattle Children’s Hospital and Swedish Medical Center.

Drs. Liu, Lombardi and Quinby

Drs. Liu, Lombardi and Quinby maintain the highest level of pediatric dental care by routinely attending continuing education courses. Drs. Liu, Lombardi and Quinby are board certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and members of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Being a part of our community is also a big part of who we are. Eastside Pediatric Dental Group contributes to local schools and service agencies both through financial contributions as well as holding food and clothing drives. We also contribute to various causes including breast cancer, diabetes, leukemia, hospice care, and Seattle Children’s Hospital. Drs. Lombardi and Quinby and staff members participated in the Seattle Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk to raise money for breast cancer research. When approached by patients to sponsor them in various sports or humanitarian events, we are always happy to help because we believe strongly in giving back to our community.

Appointments

Patients are seen by appointment only. Because of the individual nature of your child’s treatment, each appointment is scheduled for a specific length of time. We make every effort to be on time for you and ask that you extend the same courtesy to us.

If you cannot keep an appointment, please notify the office as soon as possible at (425) 392-4048. To avoid a missed appointment charge, we request 24 hours notice.

Emergency Care

If your child should experience a problem requiring emergency treatment, please call our office at (425) 392-4048. If the emergency happens after regular hours please call (425) 890-7017. A staff member will answer or return your call. When necessary, the doctor will be contacted to take whatever action may be needed. In the event that our dentists are out of town, you will be directed to Seattle Children’s Hospital Department of Dental Medicine. You can be confident knowing that your child’s dental emergency will be addressed promptly and appropriately.

Preparing Your Child for the First Visit

This process should begin at home prior to the first visit. Listed below are some suggestions to guide you:

1. Dental visits are a part of growing up. Please assure your child that there is nothing to fear.
2. The less ‘fuss’, the better.
3. If your child asks for more information, explain that the doctor will count his or her teeth to make sure they are healthy. There are books about a child’s first dental visit that you can read with your child. We are always welcome to visit our office with your child to see us work with other children.
4. Keep the day of the appointment easy and try to see
The First Visit

At the first visit, you will be asked to complete a medical and personal history questionnaire.

At this visit, your child will be introduced to the dental office. A dental assistant will give your child a ride in the dental chair and demonstrate the dental equipment in child-friendly terms such as the ‘water squirter’, ‘vacuum cleaner’, ‘electric toothbrush’, etc. We will explain and show your child everything we do before we do it.

On the first visit, we encourage parents to accompany their children, especially younger children, into the treatment area. The parent’s presence is often comforting and reassuring in a new situation.

If your child has a special toy, doll, stuffed animal or blanket, be sure to bring it along. If you would like to take a picture of your child during the visit, please feel free to bring your camera.

Check-ups & Sealants

If things are going well, we will clean your child’s teeth and, if appropriate, apply some topical fluoride to protect the teeth and take some ‘pictures’ (x-rays).

At the end of the visit, Dr. Liu, Lombardi or Quinby will complete an examination and interpret the x-rays. The dentist will discuss your child’s oral health and any recommended treatment. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Check-ups

We believe in regular preventive dental health care visits. We will contact you by mail when it is time for your child’s visit. Regular visits ensure the health of your child’s teeth and help us develop a close relationship with your child. This can help make dental treatment a more pleasurable experience.

Sealants

We feel strongly about prevention of tooth decay. One of the methods we employ to prevent decay is a sealant. A sealant is a plastic-like material that is ‘painted’ on the natural grooves and pits of the back teeth to help prevent tooth decay.

As a pediatric dental office, our routine may be somewhat different than what you may have experienced in the past. This is so we can provide your child with the best dental care and, with your cooperation, help your child become an excellent dental patient with a healthy mouth and beautiful smile.

We look forward to seeing you and your child soon!