

Dental Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder

10 Handy Hints Sheet

Avoid prolonged waiting times

Aim for routines (allow degree of freedom when entering surgery)

Keep commands short & simple: preferably from one adult

Minimise staff movements

Use mouth mirror to start interactions

Traditional rewards maybe ineffective: use special interests and/or stimuli

Behaviour: tell what to do

Visual learners

Oral Hygiene: Social Stories / photo books

Autism Spectrum Disorder is INDIVIDUAL there is no universal strategies

Sue Larkey

Autism Consulting & Educational Services

sue.larkey@bigpond.com