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# Pediatric Dental Surgery

Pediatric Dental | 204-788-8395

801 surgeries per year

Pediatric dental surgery for children aged two to six was consolidated at MHC in 2005 in response to lengthy wait times for treatment in Manitoba.

The program provides much-needed relief from the pain that can be caused by cavities. Without timely treatment, a child's ability to eat, sleep and speak can be severely affected.

## Child-friendly atmosphere

Staff at the clinic know children may be nervous or frightened about dental procedures so a child-friendly atmosphere has been created.

Upon arrival at the clinic, children and their parents/caregivers are taken to a play area where nurses explain their surgical procedure.

Pediatric dentists perform procedures such as removing teeth, filling cavities and putting in crowns.

Patients ride a toy car into surgery and recover in a soothing room with subdued lighting, soft music and a popsicle or two! Before they leave, they can choose a gift from a treasure chest and are given information on dental care.

## Helping kids faster

When we became a surgery satellite site in 2005, joining with the Children's Hospital, there were 1,019 children on a wait list of about four to five months. In the fall of 2009, the numbers were significantly lower at 639 children and wait times of approximately nine weeks.

"The surgery was only an hour ... he was so good."

– Wanda Michell, describing 6-year-old nephew Kilton's dental surgery