



My Visit to the Dental Hub

Small Hub

Simplified Story



Welcome to the Bee Healthy hub.
This is the dental clinic where I will get my teeth checked.



This is the waiting room.
The therapist will come to get me when it is my turn.



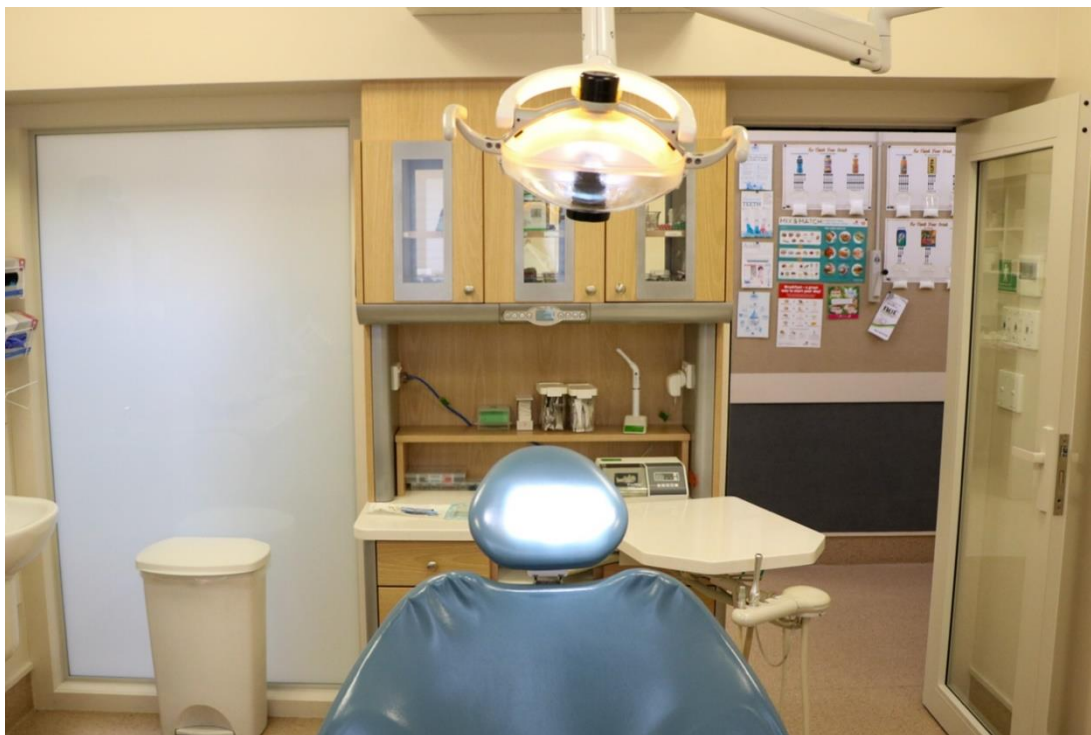
The therapist will greet me.
They might be wearing a colourful gown, mask, a visor and gloves.



I can sit on the dental chair. It lies down flat like a surfboard.



There are sunglasses I can wear to protect my eyes from the bright lights.



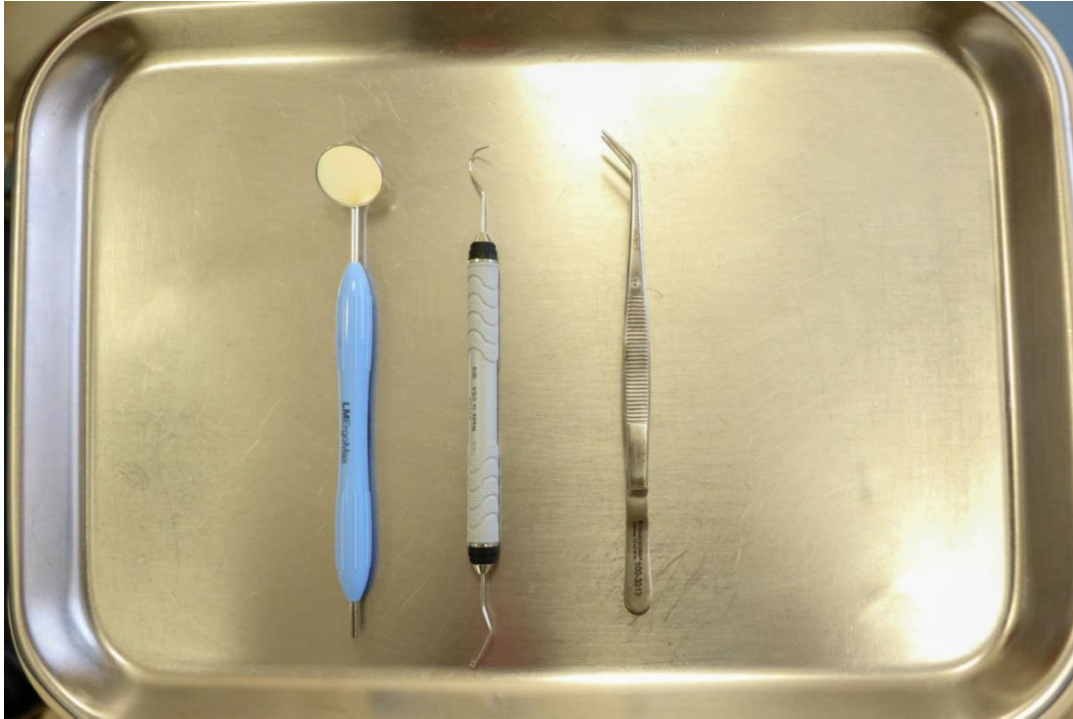
There is a bright light above my head to help the therapist see my teeth.



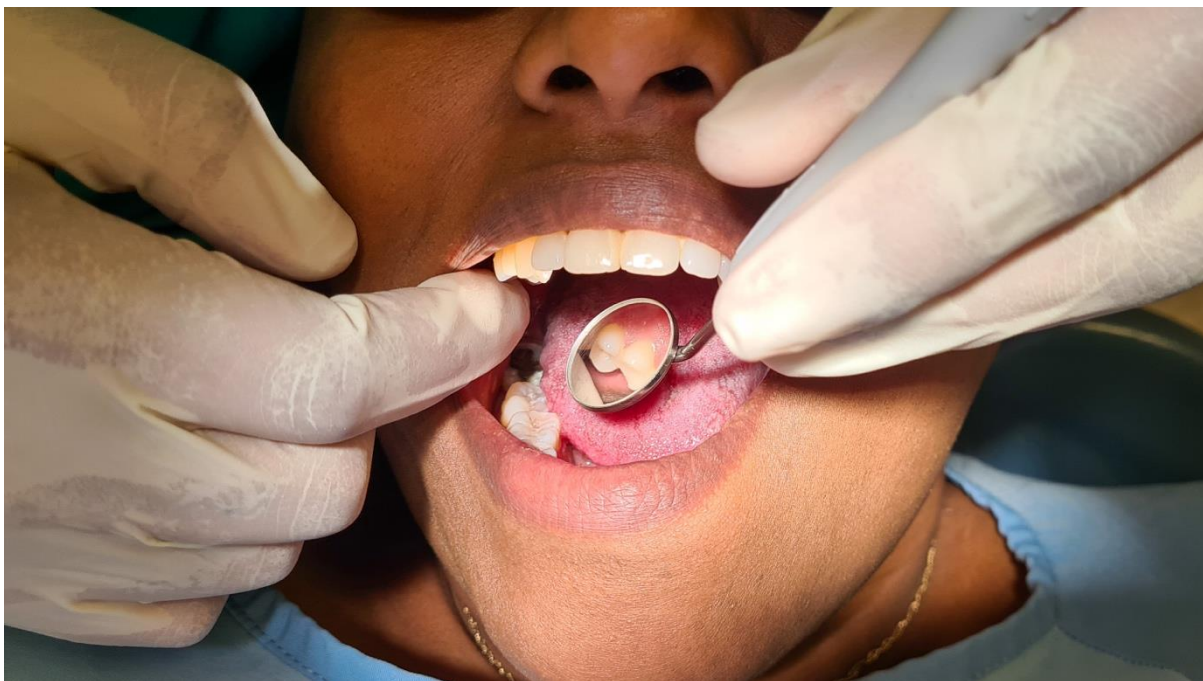
There is a TV on the ceiling.
I can ask for it to be turned on so I can watch a show during my appointment. If I don't want it on I can ask for it to be turned off.



When I am ready, the therapist will lay the chair back so I am lying down.



The therapist will use a mirror, probe, and tweezers to check my teeth.



I need to open my mouth really wide so the therapist can see my teeth.



The therapist might take a picture of my teeth called an x-ray. They will use this machine to take the picture. I need to bite down on the piece of plastic and sit very still.



They might paint some fluoride varnish on my teeth too.
The fluoride varnish tastes sweet and feels a bit sticky.
This protects my teeth and makes them strong.

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

had a dental check with
Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service today.

- ☐ No further treatment is required
- ☐ If your child requires further treatment, you will be contacted by Bee Healthy in the next 3 weeks.
If you wish to contact us in the meantime, please dial 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



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I can sit up and choose a sticker!

I might get a letter to take home to my parents.

It tells them what my teeth look like and when my next visit will be.

Other social stories available:

- Mobile Dental Van – standard
- Mobile dental van – simplified
- Small dental hub - standard

<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/resources/>



Youtube videos:

There are also a variety of YouTube videos explaining a dental visit, dental treatments, and common oral health concerns:

<https://www.youtube.com/@BeeHealthyDentalService/videos>

