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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Thanks for accompanying your child to today's eye exam. I always appreciate having a parent in the exam room for smaller children. It does provide a sense of security for the child, and parents can help me interpret responses.

Eye exams involve a series of questions and answers. It is not unusual for a small child to delay responses to my questions, and I expect that. They have to think about what they are seeing, and sometimes to enunciate a response in a foreign environment with a new doctor can take time. Sometimes parents, as a natural extension of their role as parents, feel they need to step in and prompt their child if they feel that the child's responses are not coming quickly enough.

With all due respect, I ask that parents don't try to interject their own questions and prompts of the child. I generally find that children do best if they have only one person asking questions of them, and when more than one person starts questioning them commonly they get nervous, which makes it more difficult to get accurate answers.

Of course, if you see something that I'm missing, such as a child who isn't hold the cover paddle over their eye completely and is "peeking", I do appreciate knowing that. Or, if the child's speech is hard to interpret, I appreciate help on that. If you genuinely feel that your child doesn't understand my questions, then I would appreciate your letting me know.

Thanks for your help! I want the very best for your child's vision.