

**Information for  
legal guardians of underage patients  
Power of attorney for accompanying persons**

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For various reasons, there are times when you may not be able to take your child to the dentist in person. To ensure that your visit to the University Dental Clinic in Vienna is a success for you and your child, please note the following information:

**Selection and requirements for the accompanying person**

If no parent or legal guardian is able to attend the treatment appointment with the minor, it is of course possible for the child to come to the appointment accompanied by another caregiver or trusted person. It makes the entire treatment easier **for the child** if he or she has **a familiar person** with him or her.

When selecting possible companions for your child, please also note the following requirements:

- The accompanying person must be of **legal age** (i.e. at least 18 years old).
- In addition, the accompanying person must bring an **official photo ID** (e.g. passport, identity card or driving license) to every appointment.

**Notes on the form**

If your child attends a treatment appointment at the University Dental Clinic in Vienna with another accompanying person, a legal letter of authorization must be provided for that person. This letter of authorization must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

You can download the corresponding form **“Power of attorney for accompanying persons of minors”** on the website of the University Dental Clinic Vienna ([www.unizahnklinik-wien.at](http://www.unizahnklinik-wien.at)). Please complete this form completely and sign it if it is needed.

Please also indicate by **ticking the box on the form**,

- whether the accompanying person has the authority to make decisions **exclusively on dental matters** or
- whether they should **also be able to make decisions on financial obligations** within the framework of the proposed treatment (e.g. signing a treatment cost plan that is binding for you).

The fully completed and signed form must be presented at the treatment appointment at the latest.

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## Need for a power of attorney

Parents who share the upbringing and custody of the child do not need mutual power of attorney to accompany the child to the treatment appointment. This also applies if there is no common residence despite joint custody.

Conversely, a partner of a parent needs the written power of attorney of a parent, even if the partner lives with the child in the same household. Grandparents, siblings of the parents or adult siblings of the child also require a signed power of attorney if they accompany the child to an appointment at the University Dental Clinic.

## Contact information

If you have any questions about having other people accompany your child to the treatment appointment, please feel free to contact us. The respective **department of the University Dental Clinic Vienna**, where the planned appointment is to take place, is available to answer these and other dental questions. Together we will strive to ensure the best possible treatment situation for your child.