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**Pediatric Dentistry
And Orthodontics**

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and orthodontics. Haven't heard of a pediatric dentist? Many haven't. "Parents insist on the care of a pediatric medical specialist, but often aren't even aware of the pediatric dental specialty. Pediatric dental residents often train at large pediatric medical centers for a minimum period of two years alongside the medical residents," says Dr. Rawlings.

Dr. Rawlings strongly believes that excellent dental health must begin even before the primary teeth erupt. He developed a packet for new parents that includes timely information emphasizing that "Great smiles begin at birth." Their Dudley the Dinosaur school program has also educated thousands of children about the simple steps to maintain excellent dental health.

An impressive fact is that both doctors are board certified. They are Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics with Dr. Rawlings also being a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Diplomate status is the highest accolade any dental specialist can achieve in their profession. Fewer than 25 percent have earned this honor. An extremely small number of dentists nationwide have attained Dr. Rawlings' accomplishment of dual-specialty Diplomate status.

"Orthodontics to a board-certified doctor is not just a job, it's a passion," says Dr. Hydo. "That's the spirit we have in our practice, a passion for what we do." This enthusiasm has enabled their practice to expand to a second location (March 2005) in Encinitas to better serve the North County community.

Specialty care, caring professionals," is a motto for Dr. William Rawlings and Dr. Christopher Hydo. They genuinely take this ideal to heart. Practicing and residing in the North County community for over 22 years has enabled these specialists to truly understand the area and their patients. They love what they do and it shows in the care they give each patient.

Dr. Rawlings' and Dr. Hydo's practice specializes in both pediatric dentistry