

## BEHAVIOUR: DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEHAVIOURAL MANAGEMENT



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Treating children can be one of the most enjoyable aspects of a dental practice. A child's spontaneity, honesty and sense of humour can provide the dentist a refreshing reprieve from the rigors of a daily routine. Although the great majority of children are well-behaved patients, some have fears or anxieties about dentistry that make their behaviour extremely challenging and often frustrating for a dentist to manage.

Man is astonishingly good at dealing with the physical world but, he is just as astonishingly bad at dealing with human nature; therefore, an inch gained in the understanding of and command over human nature is worth a mile gained in the understanding of and command over physical nature. Since, recorded time, the frontiers of medical achievement have been concerned with and influenced by the always elusive, ever present, problems of human behaviour. The horizons of man's progress have been thrust outward by the study of his emotions, his anxieties and responses to societal pressure and, as civilization has become refined to our current cultures, he has labored mightily to explain and understand why he performs as he does.

The history of this journey of progress is a tale of names, people in great numbers who pushed back the veil and