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Doctor visits can be stressful for everyone. Use this checklist to help set your family up for success.

BEFORE THE VISIT	
	Schedule a call with your provider to discuss possible accommodations for the visit
	Role play with your child using a doctor's kit
	Prepare a bag of preferred toys/activities to take on visit
	Identify possible triggers for your child and make a plan
	for how they will be addressed
	Prepare any visual supports you may be using
	Read a social story with your child
DURING THE VISIT	
	Use visual supports
	Utilize reinforcers consistently throughout the visit (don't wait until things start going wrong!)
	Save some reinforcers for later in the visit (such as a special
	reinforcer if there is a long wait time)
	Request provider to explain what they are doing before they do it
AFTER THE VISIT	
	Do something highly preferred by your child right after the visit
	Write down unexpected obstacles so you can plan for them next time
	Make notes for your social story



## A smile with every step forward.

