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Light Sedation for your Child

Sedation has been recommended for your child's dental appointment. The purpose of the sedation is to attempt to make your child more relaxed and less aware of the procedures.

Many children are very calm and comfortable during the procedures. Others remain quite upset even though adequate amounts of sedation medication, nitrous oxide (laughing gas) and local anesthetic have been used. For children who move their hands and legs a great deal, we may ask to use a special wrap called a blanket board, to keep them from injuring themselves.

On the day of your appointment, you will give your child a liquid medication. It is a sedative hypnotic that will help your child to relax. As with all medications, some side effects are a possibility such as vomiting, respiratory depression or in some instances, an abnormal response such as allergic reaction.

Your child may receive an oral injection with the same type of drug or drugs that serve the same purpose as described above.

Our other alternative for treatment would be an IV sedation performed at the Pediatric specialist's office with a Dental Anesthesiologist. This option is more expensive and is usually chosen when an oral sedation is unsuccessful, for an older child with extensive work or for special needs patients.

To help reduce the possibility of complications, it is important to bring your child to our office with an empty stomach (except for medications given with a sip of water). No food or drink should be taken for six hours prior to the appointment. Any food or drink in the child's stomach can put your child at risk for complications. Once the procedures are completed, and your child is alert and holding liquids down, you will be released. Because of different reactions to medications, the time in recovery will vary from patient to patient. Please expect to be in our office for one to two hours past the procedure. Please leave smaller children at home on the day of the appointment.

We allow an extended period of time in our schedule for these special procedures, it is extremely important that you are on time for your appointment. If you do not come in as scheduled, we may not have another appointment available for a while. If you need to cancel, please notify our office as soon as possible, and at least 24 hours in advance.

We hope to make this experience as pleasant as possible for your child. Please phone our office with questions you may have regarding these procedures. Thank you.

Please Note: PRESCRIPTIONS USED FOR THE SEDATION CANNOT BE PHONED INTO THE PHARMACY. YOU MUST PICK UP THE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ORAL MEDICATION FROM OUR OFFICE AND TAKE THEM TO THE PHARMACY TO BE FILLED.

PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICATION IN THE OFFICE.