

Sedation Care Dentistry

# General Dentistry & Sedation Guidebook

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## Why is sedation recommended for your treatment?

Dental treatment under sedation (Oral or Intravenous) may be recommended for any of the following reasons:

- A young, pre-cooperative age.
- High anxiety or nervousness.
- A medically compromising condition.
- Extensive dental treatment.
- Dental emergency to alleviate pain.

Any of these reasons may make it difficult, if not impossible for your child to cooperate and allow dental treatment to be completed in a safe and effective manner. The ultimate goal is to maintain a positive dental experience for you/your child while at the same time accomplishing the best possible treatment.

## What is involved when being treated under sedation?

- On the day of surgery, the patient will be well taken care of by a Certified Specialist in Anesthesiology. This doctor is responsible for the delivery of the sedation, monitoring, and recovery of the patient throughout the procedure.
- While the patient is asleep, the dentist will provide the dental treatment. Full mouth dental treatment will be completed while under sedation. These procedures may include: x-rays, cleaning, sealants, fillings, stainless steel crowns, pulpotomies (baby root canals), extractions, and space maintainers. The dental treatment most typically ranges from one to two hours, but the entire procedure with pre and post recovery may take up to three to four hours.
- For the safety of the patient, you will be asked **NOT to give any food or drink after 11:00 pm,** the day before your scheduled appointment. Failure to comply with these instructions will result in cancellation of the appointment and a cancellation fee.
- Please notify our office if the patient develops a fever, productive cough, and/or heavy nasal drainage. For the safety of the patient, the doctor may consider rescheduling the appointment.
- You will be called prior to surgery to review necessary instructions and confirm the time of arrival. An accurate telephone number where you can be reached directly is essential.
- Two parents or adults must bring the child to the facility and be prepared to remain on-site until your child is ready to go home.
- A change of clothing is suggested, due to the length of appointments, “accidents” can happen and we want your child comfortable when leaving.

## What are my financial responsibilities?

- All treatment fees are due at the time of the scheduled appointment.
- We will provide you with a written **estimate** of the total cost of the dental treatment under sedation and assist you with pre-authorizing this treatment with your insurance company when appropriate.
- Included in your **estimate** will be the fee for sedation. This fee is for the anesthesiologist and their time and the medication/facility fees. We will assist in determining whether any of this cost may be reimbursed through your dental insurance. It is our experience that this fee, in most cases, is not covered by private dental insurances.
- We will do our best to provide you with an accurate dental treatment **estimate** based on an initial clinical examination. Please understand however, that treatment may vary at the time of surgery based on a more detailed clinical **AND** radiographic examination. In addition, fees billed for sedation vary based on treatment and recovery time. Either of these may result in either an increase or decrease of your original estimate.
- A non-refundable \$ 500 deposit is required to reserve the Anesthetist due a minimum of two weeks prior to the scheduled appointment. Failure to comply with preoperative fasting instructions, or cancelling of the appointment without 72 hours notice will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

**\*\*Due to the privacy policy of insurance providers, we are usually able to confirm the parameters of insurance plans, however, we will not be informed how much coverage has been used outside of our dental practice. Therefore, it remains the patient's responsibility to understand their insurance coverage and limits at all times. If you have any questions about your coverage or limits please contact your insurance company.**

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Please do not hesitate to ask any further questions.

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## YOUR DENTIST

- 🦷 Conducts an exam and diagnoses any oral health issues.
- 🦷 Recommends treatment options to address your health care needs.
- 🦷 Discusses the benefits of treatment options and any concerns with delaying care.
- 🦷 Outlines a cost estimate related to the proposed treatment.
- 🦷 Helps you get an estimate (also known as a pre-determination) of covered treatment from your insurance company.
- 🦷 As a service to patients, may submit a claim to your insurance company for any covered treatment. Is contractually obliged, however, to collect your contribution (the 'deductible' or co-payment) at the time you receive treatment.



## YOU

- 🦷 Understand what is covered by your dental plan, including any plan limits and co-payment obligations.
- 🦷 Talk to your dentist to thoroughly understand the recommended treatment options. Ensure you feel you've made the best decision for your health - regardless of your plan coverage.
- 🦷 Work with your dental office and insurance company to obtain an estimate for treatment before you proceed.
- 🦷 Pay for any costs not covered at the time treatment is provided.



## YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR EMPLOYER

- 🦷 Offers a range of dental plans covering a percentage\* of chosen procedures. If through your employer, the employer chooses a plan for the group.
- 🦷 Outlines your plan coverage through a booklet, presentation or online.
- 🦷 Provides an insurance advisor to answer your questions; with an employer plan this could be your HR manager; with an individual plan this would be the dental plan provider.
- 🦷 Ensures prompt payment to you or your dentist, as required.

\* It is rare for plans to cover 100 percent of treatment. Most cover up to 80 percent of basic services such as exams, fillings or root canals and only 50 percent of procedures like crowns, bridges or dentures, etc.