

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE TO UNDERGO SEDATION FOR DENTAL TREATMENT

Our main goals are to provide high quality care and a positive dental experience for your child. Sedation is sometimes recommended in order to help reach these goals by making the dental visit as easy and as comfortable for your child as possible. Use of sedation will generally help to relieve your child of fear and anxiety. Although we do not “put children to sleep”, they often nap lightly. We will closely monitor your child while treatment is completed.

To help ensure a successful sedation appointment, your understanding and cooperation of the following is necessary:

Healthy child: If your child develops a runny nose, cough, cold, cold sore or other conditions that may be transmitted to others, the appointment may have to be postponed. If you are in doubt whether treatment will proceed please contact the office.

No eating or drinking 4 hours prior to the appointment: To help absorption of the sedation and minimize the chance of nausea and vomiting, your child is not to have anything to eat or drink for a minimum of 4 hours prior to their appointment. (INCLUDING WATER AND CHEWING GUM)

Sedation fee: There are TWO forms of sedation used in the office: Oral sedation (Midazolam) and Nitrous Oxide sedation (“laughing gas”). Insurance may cover some or all cost of the sedation. Please check with your insurer if in doubt about coverage for sedation.

The dentist will determine the appropriate form of sedation for your child.

Costs Due Date of Treatment (coverage could be fully/partially provided by Insurance:

- Full treatment costs for patients aged 15 and above
- Full treatment costs for Orthodontic Extractions
- Full cost of Consultation at Nancy Kennedy Dentistry
- Full Cost of Treatment for patients - with insurance that we are unable to directly bill (Cowan, Military Reserves) - patients with expired MSI insurance
- Fees are due even in the event we are unsuccessful in performing treatment
- MSI – any balances not covered by MSI must be paid out of pocket day of treatment – if MSI expired the entire treatment will be an out of pocket expense (less coverage provided by private insurance)

Please be prepared to pay for non-insured services the day of your child’s appointment.

Parking: There is free parking at our location.

Arriving: You will be provided with a medical questionnaire for your child that you must complete and submit before treatment date when confirmation of appointment is provided.

Medications: If your child is taking prescription medications, please contact the office prior to your child's appointment to determine if they can be taken the day of the appointment. Do not give your child any non-prescription medications the day of the appointment including Tylenol, Advil, Gravol, cough medicine etc.

Monitoring: If oral sedation is administered by the dentist your child will wait in the reception area with you until he or she is sedated and ready for treatment. During this time, you are responsible to monitor your sedated child.

Appointments must be confirmed at least 24 hours in advance: if not, appointment may be cancelled.

Other fees:

- **Short notice cancellation fee**

- will apply to patients that arrive unprepared for treatment (have not fasted for 4 hours)
- who cancel appointments with less than 48 notice without adequate reason (illness excepted).

- **Lab Fees**

If your child requires a space maintainer and you do not return to have it inserted you will be responsible to pay the lab fee

Please limit the number of people accompanying you and your child to the appointment

Please do not hesitate to call our office with any related questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you!