



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”). Private insurance may cover the cost of the sedation, MSI or NIHB will not. Please check with your private insurer if in doubt about coverage for sedation. Sedation fees vary from \$20 for oral sedation and range from \$36 to \$180 for Nitrous Oxide sedation depending upon the dosage required. Payment will be required on the day of the appointment. The dentist will determine the appropriate form of sedation for your child.

Dental insurance: MSI will cover the cost of dental treatment for children until the month of their 15th birthday, excluding fees for sedation, dental appliances and orthodontic extractions. From the age of 15 there will be a charge for services not covered 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 required to provide a completed “Patient Information” questionnaire upon your arrival. After a consultation with the dentist, treatment will proceed. If you arrive late there may not be adequate time for the appointment and you may have to be rescheduled.

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.

Favorite toy or blanket: It is often relaxing for your child to bring a favorite toy or blanket to use while the treatment is taking place.

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.

Please limit the number of people accompanying you and your child to the appointment: We have limited reception space and are unable to supervise accompanying siblings while you attend to the patient.

Cancellations: We require at least 48 hours notice to cancel an appointment. Please note that a \$30 cancellation fee may apply with inadequate notice or failure to attend an appointment.

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