

# I.V. SEDATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Patient Name

Date of Appointment

Because of your child's inability to cooperate in a dental setting and/or the extent of dental care required, we recommend that the treatment be provided using intravenous (I.V.) sedation with a dental anesthesiologist. The medications used will allow the child to "sleep" through the treatment and allow us to provide better dental care. The I.V. sedation will be done here in the office with a hospital - trained dental anesthesiologist. We feel that it is the safest and most effective method of treating your child. Consult your dental anesthesiologist for specific eating and drinking instructions or if you have explicit questions regarding your child's anesthesia. We recommend that another adult accompany you to help with your child while riding in the car, especially if you do not have an approved car seat.

Your child will be given the initial sedative (an injection in the arm) in the reception area while you hold him/her. The initial sedation will begin to work in 2-3 minutes. What you will most likely see is a blank stare from your child and possibly some drooling. After the sedative has been given, your child will be brought back by him/herself, have an I.V. started and then the appropriate monitors will be attached. Accompanying adults (parents/guardians) will remain in the reception area during the entire treatment. This is to ensure that the doctors are able to completely focus their attention on your child, thereby ensuring maximum safety and efficiency. Because your child will be given an ultra-short acting narcotic (pain medication) during the procedure, we will only need to anesthetize ("numb") areas where teeth will be removed. This may or may not apply to your child. After the treatment is completed and your child has woken up enough for you to see them, you will be brought back to the recovery area and asked to sit with your child until the dental anesthesiologist discharges him/her. Dr. Sabbadini and the dental anesthesiologist will give all post-operative instructions to you.

**Please read and follow these instructions:**

1. Have your child wear loose clothing and short sleeves so the dental anesthesiologist will have access to start an IV.
2. Remove finger/toenail polish so the dental anesthesiologist can place the oxygen sensor.
3. Bring your child's favorite warm blanket.
4. Please place a diaper or pull-up on your child if appropriate.
5. **Maintain good oral hygiene prior to the appointment** - the long-term success and esthetics of the tooth-colored materials is dependent on there being minimal bleeding in the area (especially the white crowns in the front). When the hygiene is poor, the gingival ("gum") tissues bleed profusely compromising the esthetic result.

Most dental offices are unwilling to treat uncooperative children. Please understand there is no "magical" way to provide dental treatment for children at this age. All possible methods of treatment have various advantages and disadvantages. We feel that the method that you have chosen offers the most advantages with the fewest disadvantages and risks. Be assured that our goal is to provide the best possible dental care for your child in the safest possible way.

If you are unsure of anything or have additional questions, please ask Bay Area Anesthesia or Dr. Sabbadini's office staff prior to signing this agreement.

**I have read, understood, and received a copy of the above instructions. I also agree to be responsible for all charges incurred the day treatment is done.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date