



"Your Child's Care is Our Focus!"

Conscious Sedation Consent

Some children cannot receive dental treatment in the usual manner due to their young age, excessive fear, inability to cooperate and/or extensive treatment needs. We believe that your child may benefit by receiving a sedative medication(s), so that your child's dental treatment can be accomplished more easily.

Sedation is NOT the same as a general anaesthesia, and your child will NOT be asleep like they would be in a hospital. It is possible that your child may even cry during their visit but this can be a normal expectation for some children even though they are not experiencing anything painful. Many of the medications that we use cause the child not to remember the dental visit.

You **MUST BE ON TIME** for your child's appointment, or you may have to reschedule. Please remember that other children (and their parents) will be arriving on time immediately after your visit.

Your child will be given the sedative medication(s) by mouth or drops through the nose. Your child **MUST NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING FOR 5 HOURS PRIOR TO COMING IN**, unless otherwise stated. You will be asked to be responsible for your child while you are waiting for the sedation to take effect.

Once your child's treatment is underway, you will be asked to remain in the reception area. To protect your child from injury they may be wrapped in a protective restraint during treatment. A mouth prop may be used to assist in keeping your child's mouth open when sedated.

There are minimal risks associated with any sedation procedure, however the only alternatives are to delay treatment until your child is older or to perform the service in a private general anaesthetic facility (if your child is over-age) or wait many months for BC Children's Hospital operating room time (children under the age of 4).

The most common side effects from sedation are: nausea, vomiting and rarely allergic reactions. Although very rare, more serious complications have been reported. We have not experienced any of the following in our office but they may include: lung problems, stroke, heart complications and brain damage. Such complications can result in hospitalizations.

Our office deals with children's dental problems, many of which are severe. All our staff are accustomed to dealing with these sedative agents and your child will be monitored throughout the procedure. If stronger agents are used, your child will be asked to remain in our recovery area under the care of a qualified staff member.

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INFORMED CONSENT:

I, the undersigned hereby give permission to Dr. Gartner and staff to render dental treatment to my son or daughter who has the given name of

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I acknowledge that the nature of the treatment has been explained to me and that I have read the information page on sedation for children and have been informed of the risks and benefits of providing this treatment. I am aware that there will be a charge for this sedation which is not covered by most dental plans.

Parent or Legal Guardian

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