

Before Dental Surgery

It is important for your child's safety that you follow these instructions carefully. Surgery will be Cancelled by anesthesiologists if not followed.

Our staff who work with the anesthesia doctor will call you 1 to 3 days before surgery to tell you the exact time to come and instructions. At that time, it is very important to tell our staff if there are any changes in the child's health, such as a chest cold or a fever.

Arriving at the Appointment:

We request you are at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time and must remain until the treatment is complete.. Please keep the whole day open on the appointment date. Arrange for someone to care for other children in the family. Ask another responsible adult to come with you to help care for your child on the drive home after dental surgery. You will need to make sure that a responsible adult is available to take care of your child at home for the rest of the day after the dental surgery.

Food and Drink Instructions:

It is EXTREMELY important for your child to come on an empty stomach. It will reduce the danger of vomiting and inhaling stomach contents into lungs while your child is asleep. You must follow these instructions or your child's procedure will be cancel to ensure his/her safety. **We request no solid foods or unclear fluids (orange, pineapple, tomato juice, milk, etc) are ingested for at least 8 hours prior to the appointment.** This fasting is for your child's safety. A staff member will be contacting you prior to the appointment to go over these post operative fasting instructions as well as to confirm the appointment.

Medications:

Some medicines should be taken and others should not. It is important to discuss this with your dentist during the consultation appointment prior to surgery. Patients should take their usual medications with a sip of water on the morning of their surgery.

Clothing/Dress:

We recommend your child come in comfortable, loose fitted clothing (pajamas, track/sweat pants and a t-shirt). If you are bringing a young child, please do not dress them in a "onesies" or "footy" pajamas. We also recommend older clothing, as they may get stained or dirty during procedure and recovery with blood or fluids. We often recommend a second set of clothing because it is possible they might have an accident. If you child wears diapers or pull-ups make sure they are fresh and bring a pack up pair the day of surgery.

Activities afterwards:

DO NOT plan activities for the child after treatment. Your child will likely want to rest upon returning home. Do not send your child to school or plan for activities. Please monitor your child throughout the day following surgery.

If we cannot confirm appointment 48 hours prior to the appointment we will cancel the appointment and need to reschedule for a later date.