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Your Child's Dental Anesthesia Appointment
Important Information You Should Know

Dear Parent,

Because of your child's inability to cooperate in the dental setting and/or the extent of dental care required, your dentist has recommended that your child's dental treatment be carried out using intravenous (I.V.) sedation provided by a hospital-trained dentist anesthesiologist. The medications used will allow your child to "sleep" throughout the procedure in a controlled and monitored setting, freeing your dentist to provide the highest quality of dental care.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you information about the services I provide that enable your child to achieve a positive experience during his/her dental treatment. My mission is to provide the highest standards of patient care and safety in the comfortable, convenient, and familiar surroundings of your own dentist's office.

Accompanying this letter you will find several forms:

- *Pediatric Medical/Health History*
- *Pre-anesthesia and Post-anesthesia Instructions*
- *Informed Consent for Anesthesia to a Minor*
- *Financial Agreement for Pediatric Dental Anesthesia*

Please read the enclosed forms, sign and date each of them, and leave them at your dentist's office. Because of the extensive time, effort, and coordination necessary in scheduling, I require a **non-refundable deposit of \$350** for children under 12 years of age. This deposit must be paid before your child's appointment will be confirmed.

Prior to your child's appointment—usually the evening before—I will personally phone you at home. At that time I will review your child's health history with you, explain the treatment in careful detail, and answer any questions that you might have concerning your child's treatment.

Please take note of the following instructions pertaining to the day of your child's treatment:

- *Have your child wear loose, comfortable pants and a short-sleeved shirt.*
- *Please place a diaper or pull-up on your child if appropriate.*
- *Remove fingernail/toenail polish from your child.*
- *Bring your child's favorite warm blanket.*
- *Your child must **not** have anything to eat or drink for **eight hours** prior to his/her appointment. This is vitally important to insure your child's safety during the administration of anesthesia. If your child should eat or drink something, I would have to cancel the appointment and you would forfeit your \$350 deposit.*
- *A parent or legal guardian must accompany your child to the appointment.*

On the day of treatment, your child will be given an initial sedative (an injection in the arm) in the reception area while you hold him/her. Within 2–4 minutes the sedative will take effect and your child will become unresponsive. He or she will then be carried back to the treatment area. There, leads monitoring your child's heart activity, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, respiration, and temperature will be applied, and an I.V. will be established. All 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. After the treatment is completed and your child is starting to wake-up, the I.V. will be removed and you will be allowed to hold your child as he/she recovers. Both your dentist and anesthesiologist will personally give all post-operative instructions to you.

If you are unsure of anything or have additional questions, you may reach me directly at (916) 390-3673, or go to www.AnesthesiaForLittlePeople.com. I look forward to serving you and your child with the highest quality of care and safety in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Fisher, DDS